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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 545

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 545 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The General Assembly Compensation Act is
5 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 115/4) (from Ch. 63, par. 15.1)

7 Sec. 4. Office allowance. Beginning July 1, 2001 through
8 June 30, 2015, each member of the House of Representatives is
9 authorized to approve the expenditure of not more than \$61,000
10 per year and each member of the Senate is authorized to approve
11 the expenditure of not more than \$73,000 per year to pay for
12 "personal services", "contractual services", "commodities",
13 "printing", "travel", "operation of automotive equipment",
14 "telecommunications services", as defined in the State Finance
15 Act, and the compensation of one or more legislative assistants
16 authorized pursuant to this Section, in connection with his or

1 her legislative duties and not in connection with any political
2 campaign. On July 1, 2002 and on July 1 of each year thereafter
3 until 2014, the amount authorized per year under this Section
4 for each member of the Senate and each member of the House of
5 Representatives shall be increased by a percentage increase
6 equivalent to the lesser of (i) the increase in the designated
7 cost of living index or (ii) 5%.

8 Beginning July 1, 2015, each member of the House of
9 Representatives is authorized to approve the expenditure of not
10 more than \$76,000 per year and each member of the Senate is
11 authorized to approve the expenditure of not more than \$88,000
12 per year to pay for "personal services", "contractual
13 services", "commodities", "printing", "travel", "operation of
14 automotive equipment", "telecommunications services", as
15 defined in the State Finance Act, and the compensation of one
16 or more legislative assistants authorized pursuant to this
17 Section, in connection with his or her legislative duties and
18 not in connection with any political campaign. On July 1, 2016
19 and on July 1 of each year thereafter, the amount authorized
20 per year under this Section for each member of the Senate and
21 each member of the House of Representatives shall be increased
22 by a percentage increase equivalent to the lesser of (i) the
23 increase in the designated cost of living index or (ii) 5%.

24 The designated cost of living index is the index known as
25 the "Employment Cost Index, Wages and Salaries, By Occupation
26 and Industry Groups: State and Local Government Workers: Public

1 Administration" as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
2 of the U.S. Department of Labor for the calendar year
3 immediately preceding the year of the respective July 1st
4 increase date. The increase shall be added to the then current
5 amount, and the adjusted amount so determined shall be the
6 annual amount beginning July 1 of the increase year until July
7 1 of the next year. No increase under this provision shall be
8 less than zero.

9 A member may purchase office equipment if the member
10 certifies to the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the
11 House, as applicable, that the purchase price, whether paid in
12 lump sum or installments, amounts to less than would be charged
13 for renting or leasing the equipment over its anticipated
14 useful life. All such equipment must be purchased through the
15 Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, as
16 applicable, for proper identification and verification of
17 purchase.

18 Each member of the General Assembly is authorized to employ
19 one or more legislative assistants, who shall be solely under
20 the direction and control of that member, for the purpose of
21 assisting the member in the performance of his or her official
22 duties. A legislative assistant may be employed pursuant to
23 this Section as a full-time employee, part-time employee, or
24 contractual employee, at the discretion of the member. If
25 employed as a State employee, a legislative assistant shall
26 receive employment benefits on the same terms and conditions

1 that apply to other employees of the General Assembly. Each
2 member shall adopt and implement personnel policies for
3 legislative assistants under his or her direction and control
4 relating to work time requirements, documentation for
5 reimbursement for travel on official State business,
6 compensation, and the earning and accrual of State benefits for
7 those legislative assistants who may be eligible to receive
8 those benefits. The policies shall also require legislative
9 assistants to periodically submit time sheets documenting, in
10 quarter-hour increments, the time spent each day on official
11 State business. The policies shall require the time sheets to
12 be submitted on paper, electronically, or both and to be
13 maintained in either paper or electronic format by the
14 applicable fiscal office for a period of at least 2 years.
15 Contractual employees may satisfy the time sheets requirement
16 by complying with the terms of their contract, which shall
17 provide for a means of compliance with this requirement. A
18 member may satisfy the requirements of this paragraph by
19 adopting and implementing the personnel policies promulgated
20 by that member's legislative leader under the State Officials
21 and Employees Ethics Act with respect to that member's
22 legislative assistants.

23 As used in this Section the term "personal services" shall
24 include contributions of the State under the Federal Insurance
25 Contribution Act and under Article 14 of the Illinois Pension
26 Code. As used in this Section the term "contractual services"

1 shall not include improvements to real property unless those
2 improvements are the obligation of the lessee under the lease
3 agreement. Beginning July 1, 1989, as used in the Section, the
4 term "travel" shall be limited to travel in connection with a
5 member's legislative duties and not in connection with any
6 political campaign. Beginning on the effective date of this
7 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, as used in this
8 Section, the term "printing" includes, but is not limited to,
9 newsletters, brochures, certificates, congratulatory mailings,
10 greeting or welcome messages, anniversary or birthday cards,
11 and congratulations for prominent achievement cards. As used in
12 this Section, the term "printing" includes fees for
13 non-substantive resolutions charged by the Clerk of the House
14 of Representatives under subsection (c-5) of Section 1 of the
15 Legislative Materials Act. No newsletter or brochure that is
16 paid for, in whole or in part, with funds provided under this
17 Section may be printed or mailed during a period beginning
18 February 1 of the year of a general primary election and ending
19 the day after the general primary election and during a period
20 beginning September 1 of the year of a general election and
21 ending the day after the general election, except that such a
22 newsletter or brochure may be mailed during those times if it
23 is mailed to a constituent in response to that constituent's
24 inquiry concerning the needs of that constituent or questions
25 raised by that constituent. Nothing in this Section shall be
26 construed to authorize expenditures for lodging and meals while

1 a member is in attendance at sessions of the General Assembly.

2 Any utility bill for service provided to a member's
3 district office for a period including portions of 2
4 consecutive fiscal years may be paid from funds appropriated
5 for such expenditure in either fiscal year.

6 If a vacancy occurs in the office of Senator or
7 Representative in the General Assembly, any office equipment in
8 the possession of the vacating member shall transfer to the
9 member's successor; if the successor does not want such
10 equipment, it shall be transferred to the Secretary of the
11 Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case
12 may be, and if not wanted by other members of the General
13 Assembly then to the Department of Central Management Services
14 for treatment as surplus property under the State Property
15 Control Act. Each member, on or before June 30th of each year,
16 shall conduct an inventory of all equipment purchased pursuant
17 to this Act. Such inventory shall be filed with the Secretary
18 of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, as the case may be.
19 Whenever a vacancy occurs, the Secretary of the Senate or the
20 Clerk of the House, as the case may be, shall conduct an
21 inventory of equipment purchased.

22 In the event that a member leaves office during his or her
23 term, any unexpended or unobligated portion of the allowance
24 granted under this Section shall lapse. The vacating member's
25 successor shall be granted an allowance in an amount, rounded
26 to the nearest dollar, computed by dividing the annual

1 allowance by 365 and multiplying the quotient by the number of
2 days remaining in the fiscal year.

3 From any appropriation for the purposes of this Section for
4 a fiscal year which overlaps 2 General Assemblies, no more than
5 1/2 of the annual allowance per member may be spent or
6 encumbered by any member of either the outgoing or incoming
7 General Assembly, except that any member of the incoming
8 General Assembly who was a member of the outgoing General
9 Assembly may encumber or spend any portion of his annual
10 allowance within the fiscal year.

11 The appropriation for the annual allowances permitted by
12 this Section shall be included in an appropriation to the
13 President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives for their respective members. The President of
15 the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall voucher for
16 payment individual members' expenditures from their annual
17 office allowances to the State Comptroller, subject to the
18 authority of the Comptroller under Section 9 of the State
19 Comptroller Act.

20 Nothing in this Section prohibits the expenditure of
21 personal funds or the funds of a political committee controlled
22 by an officeholder to defray the customary and reasonable
23 expenses of an officeholder in connection with the performance
24 of governmental and public service functions.

25 (Source: P.A. 95-6, eff. 6-20-07; 96-555, eff. 8-18-09; 96-886,
26 eff. 1-1-11.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 2015.".