

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3583

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3583, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

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

7 (25 ILCS 115/4) (from Ch. 63, par. 15.1)

8 Sec. 4. Office allowance. Beginning July 1, 1989, each
9 member of the House of Representatives is authorized to
10 approve the expenditure of not more than \$57,000 per year and
11 each member of the Senate is authorized to approve the
12 expenditure of not more than \$67,000 per year to pay for
13 "personal services", "contractual services", "commodities",
14 "printing", "travel", "operation of automotive equipment",
15 "telecommunications services", as defined in the State
16 Finance Act, and the compensation of one or more legislative
17 assistants authorized pursuant to this Section, in connection
18 with his or her legislative duties and not in connection with
19 any political campaign. A member may purchase office
20 equipment if the member certifies to the Secretary of the
21 Senate or the Clerk of the House, as applicable, that the
22 purchase price, whether paid in lump sum or installments,

1 amounts to less than would be charged for renting or leasing
2 the equipment over its anticipated useful life. All such
3 equipment must be purchased through the Secretary of the
4 Senate or the Clerk of the House, as applicable, for proper
5 identification and verification of purchase.

6 Each member of the General Assembly is authorized to
7 employ one or more legislative assistants, who shall be
8 solely under the direction and control of that member, for
9 the purpose of assisting the member in the performance of his
10 or her official duties. A legislative assistant may be
11 employed pursuant to this Section either under contract or as
12 a State employee, at the discretion of the member. If
13 employed as a State employee, a legislative assistant shall
14 receive employment benefits on the same terms and conditions
15 that apply to other employees of the General Assembly.

16 As used in this Section the term "personal services"
17 shall include contributions of the State under the Federal
18 Insurance Contribution Act and under Article 14 of the
19 Illinois Pension Code. As used in this Section the term
20 "contractual services" shall not include improvements to real
21 property unless those improvements are the obligation of the
22 lessee under the lease agreement. Beginning July 1, 1989, as
23 used in the Section, the term "travel" shall be limited to
24 travel in connection with a member's legislative duties and
25 not in connection with any political campaign. Beginning
26 July 1, 1989, as used in this Section, the term "printing"
27 includes congratulatory mailings, including but not limited
28 to greeting or welcome messages, anniversary or birthday
29 cards, and congratulations for prominent achievement cards.
30 As used in this Section, the term "printing" includes fees
31 for non-substantive resolutions charged by the Clerk of the
32 House of Representatives under subsection (c-5) of Section 1
33 of the Legislative Materials Act. No constituent newsletter
34 that is paid for, in whole or in part, with funds provided

1 under this Section may be printed or distributed beginning on
2 September 1 in any year in which a general election will be
3 held and until the day after the date on which the general
4 election is held. Nothing in this Section shall be construed
5 to authorize expenditures for lodging and meals while a
6 member is in attendance at sessions of the General Assembly.

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

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

28 In the event that a member leaves office during his or
29 her term, any unexpended or unobligated portion of the
30 allowance granted under this Section shall lapse. The
31 vacating member's successor shall be granted an allowance in
32 an amount, rounded to the nearest dollar, computed by
33 dividing the annual allowance by 365 and multiplying the
34 quotient by the number of days remaining in the fiscal year.

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

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

18 (Source: P.A. 90-569, eff. 1-28-98.)

19 Section 10. The Legislative Commission Reorganization
20 Act of 1984 is amended by adding Section 9-2.5 as follows:

21 (25 ILCS 130/9-2.5 new)

22 Sec. 9-2.5. Constituent newsletters. The Legislative
23 Printing Unit may not print for any member of the General
24 Assembly any constituent newsletter beginning on September 1
25 in any year in which a general election will be held and
26 until the day after the date on which the general election is
27 held. A member of the General Assembly may not distribute
28 beginning on September 1 in any year in which a general
29 election will be held and until the day after the date on
30 which the general election is held any constituent newsletter
31 that was printed, at any time, by the Legislative Printing
32 Unit.

1 Section 15. The Election Code is amended by adding
2 Section 9-25.5 as follows:

3 (10 ILCS 5/9-25.5 new)

4 Sec. 9-25.5. Constituent newsletters. A candidate who
5 is a member of the General Assembly must comply with the
6 provisions of Section 4 of the General Assembly Compensation
7 Act concerning the printing and distribution of constituent
8 newsletters and with Section 9-2.5 of the Legislative
9 Commission Reorganization Act of 1984. A violation of the
10 provisions of Section 4 of the General Assembly Compensation
11 Act concerning the printing and distribution of constituent
12 newsletters or of Section 9-2.5 of the Legislative Commission
13 Reorganization Act of 1984 is a violation of this Article.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law."