

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to HB 675:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 28-1-8 and Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code  
2 of Georgia Annotated, relating to salary and allowances of members and officers of the  
3 General Assembly and general provisions regarding salaries and fees for public officers,  
4 respectively, so as to revise the compensation, expenses, and allowances of certain public  
5 officials; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 28-1-8, relating to salary and allowances of members and officers of the  
10 General Assembly, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

11 "(a)(1) Each member of the General Assembly shall receive an annual salary, as provided  
12 for in Code Section 45-7-4, to be paid in equal monthly installments. Upon complying  
13 with the requirements of ~~paragraph (22) of subsection (a)~~ subsection (d) of Code Section  
14 45-7-4, each member shall also be reimbursed for those actual expenses incurred in the  
15 performance of duties for which reimbursement is provided in said subsection. ~~paragraph~~  
16 ~~(22) of subsection (a) of Code Section 45-7-4. The Speaker of the House of~~

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17 ~~Representatives, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, and the~~  
18 ~~President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall receive an additional amount per annum as~~  
19 ~~provided for in Code Section 45-7-4.~~

20 (2) The majority leader, the minority leader, the administration floor leader, and the  
21 assistant administration floor leaders of the House of Representatives and the majority  
22 leader, the minority leader, the administration floor leader, and the assistant  
23 administration floor leaders of the Senate shall each receive such additional amount per  
24 annum as shall be provided by resolution of the respective houses; but such amount for  
25 each shall not be greater than the additional amount provided by law for the Speaker Pro  
26 Tempore of the House of Representatives. All of such additional amounts shall also be  
27 paid in equal monthly installments.

28 (b)(1)(A) During regular and extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly, each  
29 member shall also receive a daily expense allowance.

30 (B)(i) Each member shall also receive the mileage allowance for the use of a personal  
31 car when devoted to official business as provided for in Code Section 50-19-7, for not  
32 more than one round trip to and from the member's residence and the state capitol by  
33 the most practical route, per calendar week, or portion thereof, during each regular  
34 and extraordinary session.

35 (ii) In addition to the mileage allowance provided in division (i) of this  
36 subparagraph, each member of the General Assembly who travels more than 100  
37 miles for a round-trip journey to the state capitol shall be allowed an additional \$1.00  
38 per mile for each mile over 100 miles traveled for each round-trip journey to the state  
39 capitol. Notwithstanding any reference to this Code section, the provisions of this  
40 division shall not apply or pass through to any person other than a member of the  
41 General Assembly.

42        (iii) In the event a member travels by public carrier for any part of a round trip as  
43        provided above, such member shall receive a travel allowance of actual transportation  
44        costs for each such part in lieu of the mileage allowance.

45        (C) For each day's service within the state as a member of a standing committee or of  
46        an interim committee created by or pursuant to a resolution of either or both houses or  
47        as a member of a committee, board, bureau, commission, or other agency created by or  
48        pursuant to statute or the Constitution of Georgia, such member shall receive a daily  
49        expense allowance and the mileage allowance for the use of a personal car when  
50        devoted to official business as provided for in Code Section 50-19-7 or a travel  
51        allowance of actual transportation costs if traveling by public carrier. Any such  
52        member shall also be reimbursed for any conference or meeting registration fee  
53        incurred in the performance of his or her official duties as a member of any committee,  
54        board, bureau, commission, or other agency. In the event it becomes necessary for a  
55        committee to rent a meeting room in the performance of the duties of the committee,  
56        the committee chairperson must have prior written approval of the President of the  
57        Senate or the Speaker of the House, or both, as the case may be, depending on the  
58        composition of the committee. The expense of such rental shall be billed to the  
59        committee.

60        (D) For each day's service out of state as a member of any committee, board, bureau,  
61        commission, or other agency, such member shall receive actual expenses as an expense  
62        allowance, plus the mileage allowance for the use of a personal car when devoted to  
63        official business as provided for in Code Section 50-19-7 or a travel allowance of actual  
64        transportation costs if traveling by public carrier or by rental motor vehicle.

65        (E)(i) The amount of the daily expense allowances provided for in this paragraph  
66        ~~shall be fixed by the Legislative Services Committee, provided, however, that the~~  
67        ~~amount of the daily expense allowance shall remain at \$75.00~~ \$173.00 until changed  
68        by the Legislative Services Committee. ~~The Legislative Services Committee shall~~

69 ~~periodically review, and when appropriate revise, the amount of the daily expense~~  
70 ~~allowance. Prior to January 1, 2024, the Legislative Services Committee shall adopt~~  
71 ~~a method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of~~  
72 ~~inflation and deflation on cost of living for residents of this state for a given calendar~~  
73 ~~year for use in this division. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as~~  
74 ~~reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor~~  
75 ~~or any other similar index established by the federal government, if the Legislative~~  
76 ~~Services Committee determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of~~  
77 ~~inflation and deflation on cost of living for residents of this state.~~

78 (ii) The amount of the daily expense allowance shall be ~~fixed~~ adjusted for each term  
79 of office by the Legislative Services Committee in an amount ~~which reasonably~~  
80 ~~corresponds to the housing and meal expenses typically incurred by members in the~~  
81 ~~performance of their duties~~ equal to the effects of inflation according to the index  
82 adopted in accordance with division (i) of this subparagraph; provided, however, that  
83 the amount so fixed shall not exceed the federal per diem rate in effect for the state  
84 capital as specified by the General Services Administration at the time that the  
85 committee acts. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
86 inflationary adjustment to daily expense allowances provided for in this division shall  
87 not be applicable to anyone other than members of the General Assembly unless  
88 expressly provided for in this division.

89 (2) Transportation costs incurred by a member of the Senate for air travel within or  
90 without the state during the interim as a member of a committee, board, bureau,  
91 commission, or other agency shall be reimbursed only if the incurring of such costs is  
92 approved under procedures established by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee.  
93 Transportation costs incurred by a member of the House of Representatives for air travel  
94 within or without the state during the interim as a member of a committee, board, bureau,

95 commission, or other agency shall be reimbursed only if the incurring of such costs is  
96 approved under procedures established by the Speaker of the House.

97 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection to the contrary,  
98 reimbursement of authorized transportation costs incurred by a member of the General  
99 Assembly for air travel inside or outside the state at any time shall be limited to the  
100 amounts provided for in the state-wide contract. As used in this paragraph, the term  
101 'state-wide contract' means the state-wide contract for airline travel incorporated in the  
102 state travel regulations established by the State Accounting Office. This limitation shall  
103 not apply, however, if the air travel is between pairs of cities not covered in the state-wide  
104 contract, if no state-wide contract is in effect, if the contracted flight is other than a  
105 nonstop flight, the contracted flight would cause the member undue hardship or would  
106 conflict with the member's schedule, or if passage under a state-wide contract is otherwise  
107 not reasonably available. When reimbursement is requested for an amount in excess of  
108 the amount provided in the state-wide contract, the member shall sign a statement  
109 indicating which of the foregoing exceptions applies.

110 (4) All allowances provided for in this subsection shall be paid upon the submission of  
111 proper vouchers as provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 45-7-4."

112 **SECTION 2.**

113 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
114 general provisions regarding salaries and fees for public officers, is amended by revising  
115 Code Section 45-7-4, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living  
116 adjustments, as follows:

117 "45-7-4.

118 (a) The annual salary of each of the state officials listed below shall be as follows:

119 (1) Governor ..... \$ 175,000.00

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| 120 | An allowance in an amount specified in the appropriations Act shall also               |                   |
| 121 | be provided for the operation of the Governor's mansion.                               |                   |
| 122 | (2) Lieutenant Governor .....  | 54,920.00         |
|     |  | <u>135,000.00</u> |
| 123 | <del>Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual salary for</del> |                   |
| 124 | <del>the Lieutenant Governor for the 2021 fiscal year shall be reduced by an</del>     |                   |
| 125 | <del>amount equal to 14 percent of the amount received for such office during</del>    |                   |
| 126 | <del>the 2020 fiscal year.</del>   |                   |
| 127 | (3) Adjutant general   |                   |
| 128 | The adjutant general shall continue to receive the pay and allowances under            |                   |
| 129 | the same procedure as provided by law.   |                   |
| 130 | (4) Commissioner of Agriculture .....  | 100,429.00        |
|     |  | <u>144,653.00</u> |
| 131 | (5) Attorney General .....   | 114,633.00        |
|     |  | <u>165,611.00</u> |
| 132 | (6) Reserved.  |                   |
| 133 | (7) Commissioner of Insurance .....  | 100,396.00        |
|     |  | <u>143,269.00</u> |
| 134 | (8) Reserved.  |                   |
| 135 | (9) Commissioner of Labor .....  | 100,418.00        |
|     |  | <u>146,115.00</u> |
| 136 | The above amount of salary for the Commissioner of Labor shall include                 |                   |
| 137 | any compensation received from the United States government and the                    |                   |
| 138 | amount of state funds paid shall be reduced by the amount of compensation              |                   |
| 139 | received from the United States government.  |                   |
| 140 | (10) Reserved.   |                   |

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| 141 | (11) Each member of the Public Service Commission . . . . .     | 96,655.00         |
|     |   | <u>138,974.00</u> |
| 142 | (12) Reserved.  |                   |
| 143 | (13) State School Superintendent . . . . .                      | 102,708.00        |
|     |   | <u>146,691.00</u> |
| 144 | (14) Secretary of State . . . . .                               | 102,708.00        |
|     |   | <u>147,128.00</u> |
| 145 | (15) Reserved.  |                   |
| 146 | (16) Reserved.  |                   |
| 147 | (17) Reserved.  |                   |
| 148 | (18) Each Justice of the Supreme Court . . . . .                | 175,600.00        |
| 149 | (19) Each Judge of the Court of Appeals . . . . .               | 174,500.00        |
| 150 | (19.1) Judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court . . . . . | 174,500.00        |
| 151 | (20) Each superior court judge . . . . .                        | 126,265.00        |
| 152 | (21) Each district attorney . . . . .                           | 120,072.00        |
| 153 | (22) Each member of the General Assembly . . . . .              | 16,200.00         |
|     |   | <u>29,908.00</u>  |

154 ~~(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual~~  
 155 ~~salary for each member of the General Assembly for the 2021 fiscal year~~  
 156 ~~shall be reduced by an amount equal to 10 percent of the amount received~~  
 157 ~~for such office during the 2020 fiscal year.~~

158 ~~(B) Each member of the General Assembly shall also receive the~~  
 159 ~~allowances provided by law. The amount of the daily expense allowance~~  
 160 ~~which each member is entitled to receive under the provisions of Code~~  
 161 ~~Section 28-1-8 shall be as provided in that Code section. The mileage~~  
 162 ~~allowance for the use of a personal car on official business shall be the~~

163 ~~same as that received by other state officials and employees.~~  
164 ~~(C) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for~~  
165 ~~members of the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for~~  
166 ~~per diem differential and for actual expenses incurred in the performance~~  
167 ~~of duties as a member of the General Assembly in an amount not to~~  
168 ~~exceed \$7,000.00 per year. Expenses reimbursable up to such amount~~  
169 ~~shall be limited to one or more of the following purposes: lodging, meals,~~  
170 ~~per diem differential, postage, personal services, printing and~~  
171 ~~publications, rents, supplies (including software), telecommunications,~~  
172 ~~transportation, utilities, purchasing or leasing of equipment, and other~~  
173 ~~reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a~~  
174 ~~member's duties. If equipment purchased by a member has a depreciated~~  
175 ~~value of \$100.00 or less when such member leaves office, the equipment~~  
176 ~~does not need to be returned to the state. No reimbursement shall be~~  
177 ~~made for any postage which is used for a political newsletter. No~~  
178 ~~reimbursement shall be paid for lodging or meals for any day for which~~  
179 ~~a member receives the daily expense allowance as provided in this~~  
180 ~~paragraph. Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed following the~~  
181 ~~submission of vouchers to the legislative fiscal office in compliance with~~  
182 ~~the requirements of this subparagraph and subject to the provisions of~~  
183 ~~subparagraph (E) of this paragraph. Such vouchers shall be submitted in~~  
184 ~~such form and manner as prescribed by the Legislative Services~~  
185 ~~Committee pursuant to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, provided that~~  
186 ~~each such voucher shall be accompanied by a supporting document or~~  
187 ~~documents, or legible copies thereof, showing payment for each expense~~  
188 ~~claimed or an explanation of the absence of such documentation; in~~  
189 ~~addition, each such voucher shall include a certification by the member~~



190 that the information contained in such voucher and supporting document  
191 or documents, or legible copies thereof, is true and correct and that such  
192 expenses were incurred by the member. The provisions of Code Section  
193 16-10-20 shall be applicable to any person submitting such certified  
194 vouchers and supporting documents or copies the same as if the General  
195 Assembly were a department or agency of state government. No such  
196 voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem  
197 differential.

198 (D) The amount of per diem differential which may be claimed for each  
199 day under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be the difference  
200 between the daily expense allowance authorized for members of the  
201 General Assembly and \$119.00; provided, however, that the General  
202 Appropriations Act for any fiscal year may increase such amount of  
203 \$119.00 per day to an amount not in excess of the federal per diem rate  
204 then in effect for the state capital as specified by the General Services  
205 Administration. Per diem differential shall be paid by the legislative  
206 fiscal office to the member upon the member's notification to the  
207 legislative fiscal office of the days for which the daily expense allowance  
208 was received for which the member wishes to claim the per diem  
209 differential, and the legislative fiscal office shall keep a record of the  
210 days for which per diem differential is so claimed and paid.

211 (E) For the purposes of this paragraph, a year shall begin on the  
212 convening date of the General Assembly in regular session each year and  
213 end on the day prior to the convening of the General Assembly in the  
214 next calendar year. Any voucher or claim for any reimbursement for any  
215 year as defined in this paragraph shall be submitted no later than the  
216 fifteenth of April immediately following the end of such year. No

217 reimbursement shall be made on any voucher or claim submitted after  
218 that date. Any amounts remaining in such expense account at the end of  
219 the first year of the two-year biennium may be claimed for expenses  
220 incurred during the second year of the two-year biennium. Any amounts  
221 remaining in any expense account which are not so claimed by April 15  
222 of the year following the second year of the biennium and any amounts  
223 claimed which are returned as hereafter provided for in this paragraph  
224 shall lapse and shall be remitted by the legislative fiscal office to the  
225 general fund of the state treasury. Any former member of the General  
226 Assembly may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while a member of  
227 the General Assembly upon compliance with the provisions of this  
228 paragraph. The Legislative Services Committee is empowered to provide  
229 such procedures as it deems advisable to administer the provisions of this  
230 paragraph, including, but not limited to, definitions of the above list of  
231 items for which reimbursement may be made; provided, however, that  
232 the term 'other reasonable expenditures directly related to the  
233 performance of a member's duties' shall be as defined by policies adopted  
234 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate  
235 Administrative Affairs Committee as to reimbursement of such  
236 expenditures incurred by members of the House and Senate, respectively;  
237 and provided, further, that the amount of expenses which may be  
238 reimbursed within the limits of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for  
239 travel outside the state may be as provided by policies adopted by the  
240 Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate  
241 Administrative Affairs Committee as to such expenditures of members  
242 of the House and Senate, respectively. The Legislative Services  
243 Committee is further empowered to prescribe the form of the voucher or

244 ~~claim which must be submitted to the legislative fiscal office. In the~~  
 245 ~~event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement shall be~~  
 246 ~~made or any allowance shall be paid, the Legislative Services Committee~~  
 247 ~~shall make the final determination; except that in the event of any~~  
 248 ~~disagreement as to whether any reimbursement under subparagraph (C)~~  
 249 ~~of this paragraph shall be made for other reasonable expenses directly~~  
 250 ~~related to the performance of a member's duties or for travel outside the~~  
 251 ~~state, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the final~~  
 252 ~~determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the House,~~  
 253 ~~and the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee shall make the final~~  
 254 ~~determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the Senate.~~  
 255 ~~In the event any reimbursement is made or any allowance is paid and it~~  
 256 ~~is later determined that such reimbursement or payment was made in~~  
 257 ~~error, the person to whom such reimbursement or payment was made~~  
 258 ~~shall remit to the legislative fiscal office the amount of money involved.~~  
 259 ~~In the event any such person refuses to make such remittance, the~~  
 260 ~~legislative fiscal office is authorized to withhold the payment of any~~  
 261 ~~other moneys to which such person is entitled until the amount of such~~  
 262 ~~reimbursement or payment which was made in error shall be realized.~~

263 (23) Speaker of the House of Representatives . . . . . 17,800.00  
 264 135,000.00

264 The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary  
 265 and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly. Upon  
 266 the taking of office by the members of the General Assembly on the  
 267 convening day of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1983, the  
 268 annual salary of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall become  
 269 \$22,800.00. After such date, the Speaker shall also receive as additional

270 ~~salary a sum equal to the amount of salary over \$30,000.00 per annum~~  
 271 ~~which is received by the Lieutenant Governor as of that date or thereafter;~~  
 272 ~~and the salary of the Speaker shall be adjusted at the beginning of each~~  
 273 ~~term so as to include such additional sum.~~

274 (24) President Pro Tempore of the Senate . . . . . 4,800.00  
 35,908.00

275 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall also receive the ~~salary and~~  
 276 allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly.

277 (25) Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives . . . . . 4,800.00  
 35,908.00

278 The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives shall also  
 279 receive the ~~salary and~~ allowances authorized as a member of the General  
 280 Assembly.

281 (b)(1) As an adjustment except as qualified below as to members and member-officers  
 282 of the General Assembly, the annual salary of each state official whose salary is  
 283 established by Code Section 45-7-3, this Code section, and Code Sections 45-7-20 and  
 284 45-7-21, including members of the General Assembly, the Speaker of the House of  
 285 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore  
 286 of the House of Representatives, ~~may~~ shall be increased by the General Assembly in the  
 287 General Appropriations Act by a percentage not to exceed the ~~average percentage of the~~  
 288 ~~increase in salary as may from time to time be granted to employees of the executive,~~  
 289 ~~judicial, and legislative branches of government. However, any increase for such~~  
 290 ~~officials shall not include within-grade step increases for which employees subject to~~  
 291 ~~compensation plans authorized and approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4~~  
 292 ~~are eligible~~ percentage determined pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection.

293 (2) Any increase granted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective at the same  
 294 time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees, except increases

295 for members and member-officers of the General Assembly. ~~That portion of the increase~~  
296 ~~determined by the Legislative Services Committee to reflect a cost-of-living increase~~  
297 ~~based upon objective economic criteria shall become effective for members and~~  
298 ~~member-officers at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such~~  
299 ~~employees. The balance of the Any salary increase provided for members and~~  
300 ~~member-officers of the General Assembly shall not become effective ~~on~~ until the~~  
301 ~~convening of the next General Assembly in January of the next odd-numbered year.~~

302 (3) The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average percentage increase  
303 based on a rate of inflation that reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on cost of  
304 living for residents of this state for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the  
305 Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States  
306 Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government,  
307 if the Office of Planning and Budget determines that such federal index fairly reflects the  
308 effects of inflation and deflation on cost of living for residents of this state.

309 (c) The annual salary being received on June 30, 1980, shall be increased by 8 percent for  
310 each state official listed in subsection (a) of this Code section who:

311 (1) Is not a member of the General Assembly; and

312 (2) Is not a contributing member of a state retirement system and, therefore, does not  
313 benefit by or participate in any program whereunder a portion of the employee  
314 contributions to the state retirement system are made on behalf of the employee by the  
315 employer.

316 (d)(1) Each member of the General Assembly shall also receive the allowances provided  
317 by law. The amount of the daily expense allowance which each member is entitled to  
318 receive under the provisions of Code Section 28-1-8 shall be as provided in that Code  
319 section. The mileage allowance for the use of a personal car on official business shall be  
320 the same as that received by other state officials and employees.

321 (2)(A) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for members  
322 of the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for per diem differential  
323 and for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties as a member of the  
324 General Assembly in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 per year.

325 (B)(i) Expenses reimbursable up to such amount shall be limited to one or more of  
326 the following purposes: lodging, meals, per diem differential, postage, personal  
327 services, printing and publications, rents, supplies (including software),  
328 telecommunications, transportation, utilities, purchasing or leasing of equipment, and  
329 other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's  
330 duties.

331 (ii) If equipment purchased by a member has a depreciated value of \$100.00 or less  
332 when such member leaves office, the equipment does not need to be returned to the  
333 state.

334 (iii) No reimbursement shall be made for any postage which is used for a political  
335 newsletter. No reimbursement shall be paid for lodging or meals for any day for  
336 which a member receives the daily expense allowance as provided in this paragraph.

337 (C)(i) Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed following the submission of vouchers  
338 to the legislative fiscal office in compliance with the requirements of this  
339 subparagraph and subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this subsection.

340 (ii) Such vouchers shall be submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the  
341 Legislative Services Committee pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection, provided  
342 that each such voucher shall be accompanied by a supporting document or documents,  
343 or legible copies thereof, showing payment for each expense claimed or an  
344 explanation of the absence of such documentation; in addition, each such voucher  
345 shall include a certification by the member that the information contained in such  
346 voucher and supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, is true and  
347 correct and that such expenses were incurred by the member.

348 (iii) The provisions of Code Section 16-10-20 shall be applicable to any person  
349 submitting such certified vouchers and supporting documents or copies the same as  
350 if the General Assembly were a department or agency of state government.

351 (iv) No such voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem  
352 differential.

353 (3)(A) The amount of per diem differential which may be claimed for each day  
354 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be the difference between the daily  
355 expense allowance authorized for members of the General Assembly and \$119.00;  
356 provided, however, that the General Appropriations Act for any fiscal year may  
357 increase such amount of \$119.00 per day to an amount not in excess of the federal per  
358 diem rate then in effect for the state capital as specified by the General Services  
359 Administration.

360 (B) Per diem differential shall be paid by the legislative fiscal office to the member  
361 upon the member's notification to the legislative fiscal office of the days for which the  
362 daily expense allowance was received for which the member wishes to claim the per  
363 diem differential, and the legislative fiscal office shall keep a record of the days for  
364 which per diem differential is so claimed and paid.

365 (4)(A) For the purposes of this subsection, a year shall begin on the convening date of  
366 the General Assembly in regular session each year and end on the day prior to the  
367 convening of the General Assembly in the next calendar year.

368 (B) Any voucher or claim for any reimbursement for any year as defined in this  
369 paragraph shall be submitted no later than the fifteenth of April immediately following  
370 the end of such year. No reimbursement shall be made on any voucher or claim  
371 submitted after that date. Any amounts remaining in such expense account at the end  
372 of the first year of the two-year biennium may be claimed for expenses incurred during  
373 the second year of the two-year biennium. Any amounts remaining in any expense  
374 account which are not so claimed by April 15 of the year following the second year of

375 the biennium and any amounts claimed which are returned as hereafter provided for in  
376 this paragraph shall lapse and shall be remitted by the legislative fiscal office to the  
377 general fund of the state treasury.

378 (C) Any former member of the General Assembly may be reimbursed for expenses  
379 incurred while a member of the General Assembly upon compliance with the provisions  
380 of this paragraph.

381 (5)(A) The Legislative Services Committee is empowered to provide such procedures  
382 as it deems advisable to administer the provisions of this subsection, including, but not  
383 limited to, definitions of the above list of items for which reimbursement may be made;  
384 provided, however, that the term 'other reasonable expenditures directly related to the  
385 performance of a member's duties' shall be as defined by policies adopted by the  
386 Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs  
387 Committee as to reimbursement of such expenditures incurred by members of the  
388 House and Senate, respectively; and provided, further, that the amount of expenses  
389 which may be reimbursed within the limits of paragraph (2) of this subsection for travel  
390 outside the state may be as provided by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House  
391 of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to such  
392 expenditures of members of the House and Senate, respectively.

393 (B) The Legislative Services Committee is further empowered to prescribe the form  
394 of the voucher or claim which must be submitted to the legislative fiscal office. In the  
395 event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement shall be made or any  
396 allowance shall be paid, the Legislative Services Committee shall make the final  
397 determination; except that in the event of any disagreement as to whether any  
398 reimbursement pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be made for other  
399 reasonable expenses directly related to the performance of a member's duties or for  
400 travel outside the state, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the final  
401 determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the House, and the Senate



402 Administrative Affairs Committee shall make the final determination as to such  
403 expenses incurred by a member of the Senate.

404 (C) In the event any reimbursement is made or any allowance is paid and it is later  
405 determined that such reimbursement or payment was made in error, the person to whom  
406 such reimbursement or payment was made shall remit to the legislative fiscal office the  
407 amount of money involved. In the event any such person refuses to make such  
408 remittance, the legislative fiscal office is authorized to withhold the payment of any  
409 other moneys to which such person is entitled until the amount of such reimbursement  
410 or payment which was made in error shall be realized."

411 **SECTION 3.**

412 This Act shall become effective on January 9, 2023.

413 **SECTION 4.**

414 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.