

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2001
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Legislative Council)

AN ACT providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of government; to amend and reenact section 54-03-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative compensation; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the legislative branch of the state government for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that branch, for the fiscal period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2003, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

FIFTY-SEVENTH AND FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND BIENNIUM

Salaries and wages	\$5,566,499
Operating expenses	2,987,567
Equipment	350,800
National conference of state legislatures	165,297
Total general fund appropriation	\$9,070,163

Subdivision 2.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Salaries and wages	\$4,594,446
Operating expenses	2,190,656
Equipment	148,300
Information technology program	240,000
Total general fund appropriation	\$7,173,402
Grand total general fund appropriation	\$16,243,565

SECTION 2. TRANSFERS. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer shall make transfers of funds between line items of appropriations for the legislative council as may be requested by the chairman of the council or the chairman's designee upon the finding by the chairman or designee that the nature of studies and duties assigned to the council requires the transfers in properly carrying on the council's functions and duties. The director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer shall similarly make transfers of funds between the line items for the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth legislative assemblies, upon request by the chairman of the legislative council or the chairman's designee upon the finding by the chairman or designee that the transfers are required for the legislative assembly to carry on its functions and duties.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 54-03-20 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-03-20. Compensation and expense reimbursement of members of the legislative assembly. Each member of the legislative assembly of the state of North Dakota is entitled to receive as compensation for services the sum of one hundred eleven dollars for each calendar day during any organizational, special, or regular legislative session. Each member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive reimbursement for lodging, which may not exceed a maximum of six hundred fifty

dollars per calendar month for lodging in state, at the rates and in the manner provided in section 44-08-04 for each calendar day during the period of any organizational, special, or regular session. Members of the legislative assembly who receive reimbursement for lodging are also entitled to reimbursement for travel for not to exceed one round trip taken during any calendar week, or portion of a week, the legislative assembly is in session, between their residences and the place of meeting of the legislative assembly, at the rate provided for state employees with the additional limitation that reimbursement for travel by common carrier may be only at the cost of coach fare and may not exceed one and one-half times the amount the member would be entitled to receive as mileage reimbursement for travel by motor vehicle. A member of the legislative assembly who does not receive reimbursement for lodging and whose place of residence in the legislative district that the member represents is not within the city of Bismarck is entitled to reimbursement at the rate provided for state employees for necessary travel for not to exceed one round trip taken per day between the residence and the place of meeting of the legislative assembly when it is in session and may receive reimbursement for lodging at the place of meeting of the legislative assembly as provided in section 44-08-04 for each calendar day for which round trip travel reimbursement is not claimed, provided that the total reimbursement may not exceed six hundred fifty dollars per month. The amount to which each legislator is entitled must be paid following the organizational session in December and following each month during a regular or special session.

A day, or portion of a day, spent in traveling to or returning from an organizational, special, or regular session must be included as a calendar day during a legislative session for the purposes of this section.

In addition, each member is entitled to receive during the term for which the member was elected, as compensation for the execution of public duties during the biennium, the sum of two hundred fifty dollars a month, which is payable every six months or monthly, at the member's option. If a member dies or resigns from office during the member's term, the member may be paid only the allowances provided for in this section for the period for which the member was actually a member. The majority and minority leaders of the house and senate and the chairman of the legislative council, if the chairman is not a majority or minority leader, are each entitled to receive as compensation, in addition to any other compensation or expense reimbursement provided by law, the sum of two hundred fifty dollars per month during the biennium for their execution of public duties.

Attendance at any organizational, special, or regular session of the legislative assembly by any member is a conclusive presumption of entitlement as set out in this section and compensation and expense allowances must be excluded from gross income for income tax purposes to the extent permitted for federal income tax purposes under section 127 of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 [Pub. L. 97-34; 95 Stat. 202; 26 U.S.C. 162(i)].

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2001 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 48 Nays 1 Absent 0

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 94 Nays 2 Absent 2

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at ___ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State