

**54-03-19.2. Meetings - Powers and duties - Expenses.** The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman as often as may be necessary, but at least once during each biennium. The commission shall determine levels of legislative compensation, expense allowance, and insurance benefits to be paid for service upon interim committees and during legislative sessions, which permit citizens to hold legislative office without undue financial sacrifice or disadvantage. In formulating recommendations, the commission may consult with the leadership of the legislative assembly, and review compensation, expense allowance, and insurance benefits for legislative service in other states and in other areas of state and federal service and private industry. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations regarding legislative compensation policy to the legislative assembly. The commission may file with the legislative council a bill incorporating its recommendations. Members of the legislative compensation commission must be compensated for time spent in attendance at meetings of the commission and for other travel as approved by the chairman of the legislative council at the rate of sixty-two dollars and fifty cents per day and must be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the same manner as other state officials. The expense allowance must be paid from appropriations then in effect for the legislative assembly. The commission may solicit the assistance of the staff of the legislative council to provide information, aid, and assistance in carrying out its duties.