

**2012 Legislator Compensation- Legislator Compensation
for Office Supplies, District Offices and Staffing**

State	Office Supplies, District Offices and Staffing.
Alabama	None, although annual appropriation to certain positions may be so allocated
Alaska	Senators receive either \$20,000/ year or \$10,000/year and representatives receive either \$16,000/year or \$8,000/year for postage per their choice for postage, stationery and other legislative expenses. Staffing allowance determined by rules and presiding officers, depending on time of year.
Arizona	None.
Arkansas	Legislators are entitled to receive a maximum reimbursement of \$14,400/year for legislative expenses. Committee chairs, vice chairs, and standing subcommittee chairs may claim additional reimbursement up to \$3,600/year.
California	Assembly members have an annual base allowance of \$263,000 to cover these expenses. Senate member expenses are paid directly and maintained by the Senate Rules Committee.
Colorado	None.
Connecticut	Senators receive \$5,500 and Representatives receive \$4,500 in unvouchered expense allowance.
Delaware	Reimbursement provided for office expenses.
Florida	Senate \$2,921.00/month for district office expenses-House \$2,482.00/month for district office expenses
Georgia	Legislators have \$7,000/year reimbursable expense account. If members request and provide receipts, they are reimbursed for personal services, office equipment, rent, supplies, transportation, telecommunications, etc.
Hawaii	There is no set dollar amount for office supplies. All supplies are provided by the House Supply room. Any item not carried in the Supply Room may be purchased with statutory legislative allowance fund which is currently \$10,200/year. House members do not have district offices. With the exception of the Speaker's Office and Majority and Minority Leadership offices, the House Finance, Judiciary and Consumer Protection offices, each House Majority and Minority member is allowed 1 permanent full-time Office Manager. During the session each committee chair receives \$5,100/month for temporary staff salaries, and all other members receive \$4,800 month.
Idaho	\$1,875/year for unvouchered constituent expense-no staffing allowance
Illinois	Senators receive \$83,063/year and Representatives \$69,409/year for office expenses, including district offices and staffing.
Indiana	All of these expenses come out of one main Senate budget-do not have district offices.
Iowa	\$300/month to cover district constituency postage, travel, telephone, and other expenses. No staffing allowance.
Kansas	Allowed \$7,083/year, which is taxable income to the legislators. Staffing allowances vary for leadership who has its own budget. Legislators provided with secretaries during session only.
Kentucky	\$1,788.51 for district expenses during interim.

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Louisiana	Allowed \$500/month. Senators and Representatives receive an additional \$1,500 supplemental allowance for vouchered office expenses, rent, and travel mileage in district. Senators and Representatives staff allowances \$2,000/month starting salary up to \$3,000 with annual increases.
Maine	None; however, supplies for staff offices are provided and paid for out of general legislative account.
Maryland	Members, \$18,265/year for normal expenses of an office with limits on postage, telephone and publications. Members must document expenses. Legislators must use \$5,800 for clerical services. Senators receive one administrative assistant and session secretary.
Massachusetts	Allowed \$7,200/yearly for office expenses.
Michigan	Allowed \$46,800 per majority Senator for office budget; \$46,800 per minority Senator for office budget
Minnesota	No district offices. Supplies provided in State Capitol. In the House, staffing provided centrally. Senators have one legislative assistant and are given \$75/week for interns.
Mississippi	A total of \$1,500 month out of session.
Missouri	\$700/month to cover all reasonable and necessary business expenses.
Montana	None.
Nebraska	No allowance; however, each member is provided with two full-time capitol staff year-round.
Nevada	None.
New Hampshire	None.
New Jersey	Allowed \$1,250 for office supplies; equipment and furnishings supplied through a district office program and \$110,000/year for district office personnel. State provides stationery for each legislator and 10,000 for postage stamps.
New Mexico	None.
New York	Staff allowance set by majority leader for majority members and by minority leader for minority members. Staff allowance covers both district and capitol; geographic location; seniority and leadership responsibilities will cause variations.
North Carolina	Non-leaders receive \$6,708/year for any legislative expenses not otherwise provided. Full-time secretarial assistance is provided during session.
North Dakota	None.
Ohio	None.
Oklahoma	Allowed \$350/year for unvouchered office supplies plus \$500 per month credit for postage.
Oregon	For interim periods, legislators receive \$61,476 per biennium. They can spend as they choose. For session, they receive \$24,290 for session staffing and \$2,325 for services and supplies. They also receive an additional \$450-750/month as a district allowance, depending on geographic size of district.
Pennsylvania	Staffing is determined by leadership.
Rhode Island	None.

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South Carolina	Senate-\$3,400/year for postage, stationary and telephone. House-\$1,800/year for telephone and \$600/year for postage. Legislators also receive \$1,000/month for in district expenses that is treated as income.
South Dakota	None.
Tennessee	Allowed \$1,000/month for expenses in district (U).
Texas	Approved allowance for staff salaries, supplies, stationery, postage, district office rental, telephone expense, etc. Senate and House allocations are not the same.
Utah	None.
Vermont	None.
Virginia	Legislators receive \$1,250/month; leadership receives \$1,750/month office expense allowance. Legislators receive a staffing allowance of \$39,765/year; leadership receives \$59,644/year.
Washington	Senate-\$7,800/year for legislative expenses, for which the legislator has not been otherwise entitled to reimbursement. No staffing allowance.
West Virginia	None.
Wisconsin	Allowed \$12,000 for 2 year session in the Assembly. N/A staffing, DO. Allowed \$45,000 for two year period for office expenses. Allowed \$191,700 for two year period for staffing allowance.
Wyoming	Up to \$750 quarter through the constituent service allowance.

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