Opinion No. 12.

Legislative Assembly—Officers and Employees of Legislative Assembly—Senate Employees—House Employees—Salaries of Officers and Employees of Legislative Assembly—Compensation of Officers and Employees of Legislative Assembly.

Held: The legislature, by House Bill No. 3, has increased the compensation to be paid the officers and employees of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Asembly of the State of Montana as set forth in Section 1 of said House Bill No. 3, but this rate of pay applies only to such officers and employees and is passed especially for such officers and employees of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

January 24, 1945.

Mr. John J. Holmes
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State Capitol
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Dear Mr. Holmes:

You have asked my opinion as to the meaning of that part of Section 1 of House Bill No. 3, which reads as follows:

> ". . . and notwithstanding the general law fixing the compensation of officers and employees of the Legislative Assemblies and expressly without amending any such law or laws except to the extent that they shall not apply to the compensation of officers and employees of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Assembly . . ."

From reading the whole of Section 1, it is apparent the legislature intended and has raised the salary of the officers and employees of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Assembly, and this act, House Bill No. 3, increases the compensation to be paid to the officers and employees of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Assembly, but does not repeal or amend any of the laws now in the statute books in regard to the compensation to be paid officers and employees of any future legislative session; and this act applies only to the officers and employees of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

You will note Section 2 of House Bill No. 3 provides that the salaries herein specified to be paid to the officers and employees, shall be effective and shall be paid only to the officers and employees of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Asembly of the State of Montana and shall not be effective or apply to any officers and employees of any subsequent Legislative Assembly.

Therefore, the Legislature, by House Bill No. 3, has increased the compensation to be paid to the officers and employees of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana as set forth in Section 1 of said House Bill No. 3, but the rate of pay applies only to such officers and employees of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Sincerely yours,
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