

House Bill 608

In The House

February 2, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 4, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
February 10, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 12, 1981	Committee recommend bill do not pass.

HOUSE BILL NO. 608

INTRODUCED BY *Jensen C Smith Linda BURNETT*  
*Wunder*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES FOR LEGISLATORS RESIDING IN THE SAME RESIDENCE AS LISTED ON THE DECLARATION FOR NOMINATION; AMENDING SECTION 5-2-301, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5-2-301, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-2-301. Compensation and expenses for members while in session. (1) Legislators are entitled to a salary commensurate to that of the daily rate of a grade 8, step 2 classified state employee, for those days during which the legislature is in session. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house shall receive an additional \$5 a day in salary for those days during which the legislature is in session.

(2) ~~Legislators~~ Except as provided in subsection (5), legislators are entitled to \$40 a day, 7 days a week, during a legislative session, as reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending a session. Expense payments shall stop when the legislature recesses for more than 3 days and shall resume when the legislature reconvenes.

(3) Legislators are entitled to a mileage allowance as

provided in 2-18-503 for each mile of travel:

(a) to the place of the holding of the session and to return to their place of residence at the conclusion of the session; and

(b) for one additional round trip to their place of residence during each session; or

(c) for those residing outside the Helena city limits but living at the same residence address as listed in the declaration for nomination provided for in 13-10-201, to the place of the holding of the session and to return to their place of residence each day of the session.

(4) Legislators are not entitled to any additional mileage allowance under subsection (3)(a) or (3)(b) for a special session if it is convened within 7 days of a regular session.

(5) Legislators who live during the session at the same residence address as listed in the declaration for nomination provided for in 13-10-201 are not entitled to a reimbursement for expenses as provided in subsection (2)."

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STATE OF MONTANA

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FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 4, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 608 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

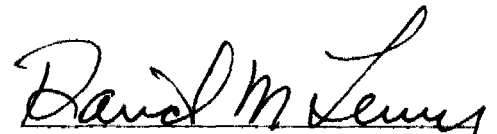
House Bill No. 608 would remove the entitlement for payment of expenses to legislators who live at home during the session and would allow mileage allowances to be paid to those legislators who live at home but outside the City of Helena.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Two legislators would qualify for round trip mileage of approximately 50 miles total.
2. Seven legislators would lose entitlement to expense reimbursement.
3. The expense allowance would remain \$45 in Fy 1983 while the travel allowance would be \$0.26/mile.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The expense allowance payments would be reduced by \$33,075 while the round trip allowance payments would increase by \$1,170. The net saving to the General Fund would be \$31,905.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

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