

HOUSE BILL NO. 572

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1/30 Referred to State Administration
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2/14 Hearing
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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 572 *David Moore*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Tim Macdonald* *Asay Keller* *Senfner*
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 5 OF CERTAIN ELECTED EXECUTIVE BRANCH, JUDICIAL BRANCH, AND
 6 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS OF THE STATE FOR 2 YEARS AT
 7 JULY 1, 1984, LEVELS; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-2-301 AND 5-2-302,
 8 MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 10 WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to aid in balancing the
 11 state government's budget; and

12 WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to and of right should
 13 take the lead in balancing the state government's budget;
 14 and

15 WHEREAS, the departments and other agencies of the
 16 state cannot be expected to operate without increased
 17 appropriations if elected officials receive salary
 18 increases; and

19 WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to avoiding any
 20 general tax increases that would further erode the buying
 21 power of the people and their standard of living.

22 THEREFORE, the Legislature of the State of Montana
 23 declares that it declines to raise the salaries of the
 24 elected officials listed in section 2-16-405, MCA, thereby
 25 freezing those salaries during the fiscal biennium beginning

1 July 1, 1985, at the July 1, 1984, levels, and the
 2 Legislature further declares that, by this act, it freezes
 3 the salaries of its members for the same biennium.

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

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

7 "5-2-301. Compensation and expenses for members while
 8 in session. (1) Legislators are entitled to a salary
 9 commensurate to that of the daily rate of a grade 8, step 2,
 10 classified state employee for those days during which the
 11 legislature is in session, except that for the fiscal
 12 biennium beginning July 1, 1985, the salary must remain at
 13 the July 1, 1984, level. The president of the senate and the
 14 speaker of the house shall receive an additional \$5 a day in
 15 salary for those days during which the legislature is in
 16 session.

17 (2) Legislators are entitled to \$45 a day, 7 days a
 18 week, during a legislative session, as reimbursement for
 19 expenses incurred in attending a session. Expense payments
 20 shall stop when the legislature recesses for more than 3
 21 days and shall resume when the legislature reconvenes.

22 (3) Legislators are entitled to a mileage allowance as
 23 provided in 2-18-503 for each mile of travel:

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



1 session; and

2 (b) for one additional round trip to their place of
3 residence during each session.

4 (4) In addition to the mileage allowance provided for
5 in subsection (3), legislators are entitled to two
6 additional round trips to their place of residence during
7 each regular session upon submittal of an appropriate claim
8 for such mileage reimbursement to the office of legislative
9 council.

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

14 Section 2. Section 5-2-302, MCA, is amended to read:

15 "5-2-302. Compensation and expenses when legislature
16 not in session. When the legislature is not in session,
17 members of the legislative council, legislative
18 subcommittees, and select and interim committees, while
19 engaged in authorized committee business, are entitled to:

- 20 (1) a mileage allowance as provided in 2-18-503;
21 (2) expenses as provided in 2-18-501 and 2-18-502; and
22 (3) a salary equal to one full day's pay at the rate
23 of a classified state employee, described in 5-2-301 for
24 each 24-hour period of time (from midnight to midnight), or
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5 legislator's stay away from home into an additional 24-hour
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7 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. This act is
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FISCAL NOTE

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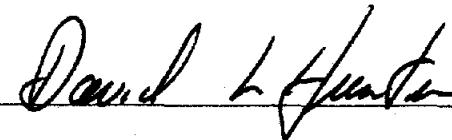
In compliance with a written request received January 31 19 85, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for H.B. 572 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to freeze the salaries of certain elected officials for two years at the July 1, 1984 level of pay.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No change from current law.



BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date:

Feb 6, 1985

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ON STATE ADMINISTRATION
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