

SESSION OF 2008

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 659

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 659, as amended, would create the Legislative Compensation Commission consisting of seven members who would have the duty of studying the per diem compensation of the members of the Kansas Legislature. The Commission would submit a report to the Legislative Coordinating Council and to the Governor on or before December 1, of each even-numbered year making recommendations concerning per diem compensation. Any recommended increase in the rate per diem compensation would automatically take effect unless the Senate and the House of Representatives rejected such recommended increase by Concurrent Resolution. The Resolution would have to be adopted by February 2 of the Legislative Session preceding the fiscal year when the increase would take effect.

The bill would allow any member of the Legislature to decline any or all of the compensation established by the Act.

Whenever the rates of compensation for classified employees after June 30, 2009, are increased, the increase would be applied to the expense allowance for the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and legislators.

The bill would increase the bi-weekly compensation for statewide officeholders as follows:

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

● Governor	\$4,615.39
● Lieutenant Governor	\$3,076.93
● Insurance Commissioner	\$3,653.85
● Secretary of State	\$3,653.85
● State Treasurer	\$3,653.85
● Senate President	\$539.97
● Speaker of the House	\$539.97
● Speaker Pro Tem	\$275.59
● Senate Vice-President	\$275.59
● Assistant Majority Leaders	\$275.59
● Assistant Minority Leaders	\$275.59
● Chair, Senate Ways & Means	\$434.23
● Chair, House Appropriations	\$434.23
● Majority Leaders	\$487.14
● Minority Leaders	\$487.14

Allowances for Lieutenant Governor would be increased to \$76.91 and legislative allowance would be increased to \$109 per calendar day for regular and special sessions and \$354.15 for two-week periods between sessions.

The annual salary for the Attorney General would be the same as for district judges which is \$114,813.80.

Under the bill, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, and the Insurance Commissioner may decline to accept any or all of the salary increase as established by the Act. The effective date for these increases would be on January 10, 2011.

Compensation increases for legislators listed above would be June 15, 2008.

SB 659 would take effect upon publication In the *Kansas Register*.

Background

Senator Barbara Allen was a proponent of the bill.

No opponents testified on the bill.

Sally Howard, Governor's General Counsel testified as neutral on the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make the salary of the Attorney General the same as the salary provided for district judges and tied to increases in salary with increases to the classified service.

According to the fiscal note, the Legislative Administrative Services estimates the costs of the new Commission to be \$16,344 in FY 2009. No costs for meetings would be increased in FY 2010, as the Commission only meets in even-numbered calendar years. The meeting costs are estimated at \$17,161 for FY 2011 and \$18,019 for FY 2013.

For statewide officeholders, an increase in salaries would be \$115,590 above the Governor's budget for FY 2009.