SENATE BILL No. 35

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to the compensation for members thereof; increasing the rate of compensation for service during regular and special sessions and the interim period between regular sessions; amending K.S.A. 46-137a and repealing the existing section.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 46-137a is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-137a. In addition to the compensation provided for by K.S.A. 46-137b, 46-137e and 75-3212, and amendments thereto, each member of the legislature shall receive the following amounts:

- (a) The sum of \$88.66 \$125 per calendar day for service at any regular or special session, except as otherwise provided in subsection (e);
- (b) the sum of \$109 per calendar day for subsistence allowance for any regular or special session of the legislature, except that if the amounts allowable for the capital city of Kansas under applicable federal law and regulations to employees of the executive branch of the federal government for per diem expenses, while away from home but serving in the United States, are amounts—which that total greater than \$109, then each member of the legislature shall receive such greater total amount per calendar day for subsistence allowance for any regular or special session of the legislature;
- (c) an allowance of \$354.15 \$554.15 for the two-week period-which that coincides with the biweekly payroll period-which that includes April 1st and for each of the 19 ensuing two-week periods thereafter, to defray expenses incurred between sessions of the legislature for postage, telephone, office and other incidental expenses, except as otherwise provided in subsection (f);
- (d) an allowance for mileage in an amount equal to the rate per mile prescribed under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3203a, and amendments thereto, multiplied by the number of miles traveled by the usual route in going to and returning from the member's place of residence for any regular or special session of the legislature. Such mileage allowances shall be paid for not to exceed the equivalent of one trip for each full week occurring between convening and adjournment sine die in any regular or special session. The mileage allowance provided under the provisions of

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this subsection shall not be subject to the restrictions relating to the use of vehicles prescribed by K.S.A. 75-3203 and 75-3203a, and amendments thereto, but shall only be allowed for trips actually made. Compensation and subsistence allowance shall not be allowed under the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section during any period in which the legislature is adjourned for more than two days, Sundays excepted; and

- (e) whenever the rates of compensation of the pay plan for persons in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act are increased for payroll periods chargeable to fiscal years commencing after June 30, 2009, the rate of compensation per calendar day for members of the legislature for service at any regular or special session of the legislature shall be increased on the effective date of any such pay plan increase by an amount computed by multiplying the average of the percentage increases in all steps of such pay plan by the rate of compensation per calendar day—which that is authorized by this section for service at any regular or special session of the legislature for the day upon which such increase is computed.
- (f) Whenever the rates of compensation of the pay plan for persons in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act are increased for payroll periods chargeable to fiscal years commencing after June 30, 2009, the allowance provided for each member of the legislature by subsection (c) to defray expenses incurred between sessions of the legislature for postage, telephone, office and other incidental expenses for each of the two-week periods specified by subsection (c) shall be increased on the effective date of any such pay plan increase by an amount computed by multiplying the average of the percentage increases in all steps of such pay plan by the allowance provided to defray such expenses for each such two-week period as provided by this section.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 46-137a is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.