

Table 3.9
LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION: REGULAR SESSIONS
(As of March 24, 1999)

State or other jurisdiction	Salaries		Travel allowance (as of March 24, 1999)			Round trips home to capital during session	Per diem living expenses
	Regular sessions		Annual salary	Cents per mile	Round trips home to capital during session		
	Per diem salary (a)	Limit on days					
Alabama	\$10/C	...	...	(b)	One	\$2,280/m plus \$50 three times/w for committee meetings attended (U). Out-of-state travel, actual expenses. \$173 (U).
Alaska	\$24,012	(f)	...	\$35/d for the 1st 120 days of regular session and for special session and \$10/d thereafter; members residing outside Maricopa County receive an additional \$25/d for the 1st 120 days of regular session and for special session and an additional \$10/d thereafter (U). Set by statute.	
Arizona	\$24,000	30	...	\$89/d (V) tied to federal rate.	
Arkansas*	\$12,500	31/House 32.5/Senate 31/Sen. Int.	Weekly	\$121/d Sunday through Saturday (U). Tied to federal rate.	
California	\$99,000	24	...	\$45 (\$99 for members outside Denver metro area) (V). Per diem is determined by the legislature.	
Colorado	\$30,000	20 24/4wd	...	None.	
Connecticut	\$21,788	31	...	None.	
Delaware	\$29,574	25 (c)	...	\$102/d; not to exceed \$3,640 for the house; not to exceed \$4093.26 for the senate for the regular session (V).	
Florida	\$26,388	29	...	\$75 (U) set by the legislature; \$2,200 per diem differential account with max of 50 days.	
Georgia (e)	\$11,347.80	25	...	\$80 for members living outside Oahu; \$10/d for members living on Oahu (V) set by the legislature.	
Hawaii	\$32,000	...	...	\$75 (\$40 for legislators who do not establish a second residence in Boise) (U) set by commission.	
Idaho	\$14,760	26	...	\$85 (U) tied to federal rate.	
Illinois	\$50,803	32.5	...	\$112 (U) tied to federal rate.	
Indiana	\$11,600	28	...	\$86 (\$65 for Polk Cty. members) (U) set by the legislature.	
Iowa	\$20,758	24	...	\$80 (U) tied to federal rate.	
Kansas	\$72.06/C	...	...	31	...	\$88/d (U) tied to federal rate.
Kentucky*	\$151.00/C (i) \$107.48/C (i)	...	...	(V)	...	\$97 (U) tied to federal rate. Additional \$6,000/yr (U) expense allowance.
Louisiana	\$16,800	32.5	...	For legislative session days and authorized committee meetings (V): \$38 housing, \$32 meals set by commission and the legislature.	
Maine (j)	\$10,500 - 1st \$7,500 - 2nd	24	Weekly	Lodging \$96; meals tied to federal rate and compensation commission (V).	
Maryland	\$30,591	29	...	\$9-50 depending on distance from State House	
Massachusetts	\$46,410	(g)	...	\$10,000 yearly expense allowances for session and interim (V) set by compensation commission.	
Michigan	\$55,054	31	...	\$56/legislative day (U) set by legislature.	
Minnesota	\$31,140	(k)	...	\$99/d (U).	
Mississippi	\$10,000	31	...	\$68.80/d when present (U) tied to federal rate.	
Missouri	\$26,802.96	29.5	...	\$75 (U) tied to rates in adjoining states.	
Montana*	\$59.672/L	...	...	...	Four	\$84 (\$34 if member resides within 50 miles of capitol) (V) tied to federal rate.
Nebraska	\$12,000	30	Weekly	Federal rate for capitol area (V).	
Nevada*	\$130	60	...	(f)	...	None.	
New Hampshire	2 yr. term	\$200	38 for first 45 miles, 19 thereafter	...	None.	
New Jersey	\$35,000	None.	

See footnotes at end of table.

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LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION: REGULAR SESSIONS — Continued

State or other jurisdiction	Salaries		Travel allowance (as of March 24, 1999)			Per diem living expenses
	Regular sessions		Annual salary	Cents per mile	Round trips home to capitol during session	
	Per diem salary (a)	Limit on days				
New Mexico	32.5 (f)	...	\$124 (V) tied to federal rate.
New York	\$79,500	29	...	\$89; \$130 in New York City metro area (V) set by legislature.
North Carolina	\$13,951	29	Weekly	\$104 (U) set by statute.
North Dakota	\$111/C	...	...	25	Weekly	\$650/m housing (V). \$250/m additional compensation
Ohio	\$42,426.90	27	Weekly	None.
Oklahoma	\$38,400	32.5 (f)	...	\$97 (U) tied to federal rate.
Oregon*	\$14,496	30	...	\$87 (U) tied to federal rate.
Pennsylvania	\$59,245.74	32.5 (f)	...	\$115 (V) tied to high/low substantiation method of revenue procedure 98-64.
Rhode Island	\$10,768	32.5	...	None.
South Carolina	\$10,400	31	...	\$88/L (U); (V) for non statewide session days; for non session days \$35/d; plus \$1,000/m treated as income, not an approved expense plan.
South Dakota	\$12,000/2 yr	24 (l)	...	\$95/L (U) set by the legislature.
Tennessee	\$16,500	26 (m)	...	\$114 (U). Request for per diem form must be submitted to Legislative Administration.
Texas*	\$7,200	28(h)	...	\$118 (U) set by Ethics Commission.
Utah	\$100/C	...	...	31	...	\$46/d and \$76 for housing regardless of location (U) tied to federal rate.
Vermont	\$536/w	32.5	...	\$50 for lodging and \$37 for meals; commuters: \$32 for meals (U) set by the legislature.
Virginia	Senate- \$18,000 House- \$17,640	27	...	\$114 (U) tied to federal rate.
Washington	\$28,300	31	One	\$82 (U) tied to federal rate.
West Virginia	\$15,000	32	Weekly	\$85 (U); noncommuters \$45 (U).
Wisconsin	\$41,809	29	Weekly	\$75 maximum (U) set by the legislature.
Wyoming	\$125/C	...	...	35	...	\$80 (U) set by the legislature.
Dist. of Columbia	\$80,605	...	...	None.
Guam	\$55,307.20	(n)	...	None.
Puerto Rico	\$40,000	...	...	\$93 within 50 km of capitol; \$103 if outside 50 km (U).
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$65,000	...	...	\$30/d in winter; \$20/d in summer (V) set by the legislature.

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures.

Note: In many states, legislators who receive an annual salary or per diem salary also receive an additional per diem amount for living expenses. Consult appropriate columns for a more complete picture of legislative compensation during sessions. For information on interim compensation and other direct payments and services to legislators, see Table 3.10, "Legislative Compensation: Interim Payments and Other Direct Payments."

* — Biennial session. In Arkansas, Oregon and Texas, legislators receive an annual salary.

Key:

C — Calendar day
L — Legislative day
(U) — Unvouchered
(V) — Vouchered
d — day
w — week
m — month
y — year
... — Not applicable

(a) Legislators paid on a per diem basis receive the same rate during a special session.

(b) \$50-75/day for in-state travel.

(c) Official business only.

(d) Varies - funds come from office expense allowance.

(e) \$2,200 per diem differential rate. Georgia law states the maximum per diem plus per diem differential is \$119/d. The per diem differential account is made up of the difference between the maximum allowance less the actual per diem paid x 50 days.

(f) Tied to federal mileage rate.

(g) Between \$5-50 determined by distance from State House.

(h) An allowance in Texas for single, twin and turbo engines from .40 - \$1/mile is also given.

(i) In Kentucky, per diem salary of \$151.00/C is for members elected in 1998. The rate of \$107.48/C applies to members up for re-election in 2000.

(j) In Maine, legislators who "commute" daily are eligible to be reimbursed for their mileage at the standard rate of .24/mile up to \$38/day. This is termed "mileage in lieu of lodging."

(k) House: range of \$60-550 for in-district mileage. Senate: a reasonable allowance.

(l) .24/mile for one round trip from Pierre to home each weekend. One trip is paid at .05/mile. During the interim, .24/mile for scheduled committee meetings.

(m) Members residing 100 miles from the capitol may be reimbursed a coach class airline ticket, limited to 1 per week of session or a committee meeting upon approval.

(n) Reimbursed for fuel purchase receipts.