

**Table 3.9**  
**LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION AND LIVING EXPENSE ALLOWANCES DURING SESSIONS**

State	Salaries				Mileage cents per mile	Session per diem rate
	Regular sessions		Annual salary	Limit on days		
	Per-diem salary	...				
Alabama	\$10 C	...	...	10/mile for a single roundtrip per session. 48.5/mile interim cmte. attendance.	\$4,508/month plus \$50/day for three days during each week that the legislature actually meets during any session (U). Effective April 1, 2012.	
Alaska	...	\$50,400	...	40.5/mile for approved travel.	\$238 or \$253/day (depending on the time of year) tied to federal rate. Legislators who reside in the Capitol area receive 75% of the federal rate.	
Arizona	...	\$24,000	...	44.5/mile on actual miles.	\$35/day for the 1st 120 days of regular session and for special session and \$10/day thereafter; Members residing outside Maricopa County receive an additional \$25/day for the 1st 120 days of reg. session and for special session and an additional \$10/day thereafter (V). Set by statute.	
Arkansas	...	\$15,869	...	51/mile.	\$136/d (V) plus mileage tied to federal rate.	
California	...	\$95,291	...	53/mile.	\$141.86/day for each day they are in session.	
Colorado	...	\$30,000	...	50/mile. State reimbursement rate is 90% of federal rate.	\$45/day for members living in the Denver metro area. \$150/day for members living outside Denver. Effective 7/1/12 non-metro per diem will be 85% of federal per diem for Denver.	
Connecticut	...	\$28,000	...	51/mile.	No per diem is paid.	
Delaware	...	\$42,750	...	40/mile.	\$7,334 expense allowance annually.	
Florida	...	\$29,687	...	44.5/mile for business travel.	\$131/day earned based on the number of days in session. Travel vouchers are filed to substantiate.	
Georgia	...	\$17,342	...	50/mile. Ga. Code Ann. §50-19-7 sets rate of reimbursement at the same mileage rate established by the U.S. General Services Administration.	\$173/d (U) set by the Legislative Services Committee.	
Hawaii	...	\$46,273	...	...	\$150/day for members living outside Oahu during session; \$10/day for members living on Oahu during the interim while conducting official legislative business.	
Idaho	...	\$16,116	...	One roundtrip per wk. at state rate.	\$122/day for members establishing second residence in Boise; \$49/day if no second residence is established and up to \$25/day travel (V) set by Compensation Commission.	
Illinois	...	\$67,836—Members are mandatorily required to forfeit one day of compensation per month.	...	Mileage rate is .39/mile.	\$111/per session day.	
Indiana	...	\$22,616	...	55/mile.	\$152/day (U) tied to federal rate.	
Iowa	...	\$25,000	...	.39/mile.	\$135/day (U). \$101.25/day for Polk County legislators (U) set by the legislature to coincide with federal rate. State mileage rates apply.	

See footnotes at end of table.

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State	Salaries				Session per item rate
	Regular sessions		Annual salary	Mileage cents per mile	
	Per-diem salary	Limit on days			
<b>Kansas</b> .....	\$88.66 C	...	...	51/mile, set by Dept. of Admin.	\$123/day (U) tied to federal rate.
<b>Kentucky</b> .....	\$188.22 C	...	...	55.5/mile.	\$135.30/day (U) tied to federal rate; (110% Federal per diem rate).
<b>Louisiana</b> .....	...	...	\$16,800 plus additional \$6,000/yr. (U) expense allowance.	55.5/mile based on federal mileage rate.	\$149/day (U) tied to federal rate (26 U.S.C. Section 162(h)(1)(B)(ii)).
<b>Maine</b> .....	...	...	\$13,852 for first regular session; \$9,661 for second regular session.	44/mile.	\$38/day housing, or mileage and tolls in lieu of housing (at rate of \$0.44/mile up to \$38/day) plus \$32/day for meals. Per diem limits are set by statute.
<b>Maryland</b> .....	...	...	\$43,500	55.5/mile; \$500 annual allowance for in-district travel as taxable income; members may decline the allowance.	Lodging \$101/day; meals \$42/day tied to federal rate, and compensation commission. Out-of-state travel per diem is \$225/day for meals and lodging.
<b>Massachusetts</b> .....	...	...	\$61,300	Between \$10–\$100, determined by distance from State House.	From \$10/day–\$100/day, depending on distance from State House (V) set by the legislature.
<b>Michigan</b> .....	...	...	\$71,865	55.5/mile.	\$10,800 yearly expense allowance for session and interim (V) set by compensation commission.
<b>Minnesota</b> .....	...	...	\$31,140.90	House: range of \$100–\$1,650 per month for mileage reimbursement for travel in the legislative district during interim. During session, House members can request up to one roundtrip per week if they live more than 50 miles from the Capitol. Senate: a reasonable allowance.	Senators receive \$96/day and Representatives receive \$66/legislative day set by the legislature.
<b>Mississippi</b> .....	...	...	\$10,000	Determined by Federal Register and Legislature.	\$109/day (U) tied to federal rate.
<b>Missouri</b> .....	...	...	\$35,915	37/mile.	\$104.00/day tied to federal rate. Verification of per diem is by roll call.
<b>Montana</b> .....	\$82.64 L	...	...	55/mile; Rate is based on IRS rate. Reimbursement for actual mileage traveled in connection with legislative business	\$105.31/day (U).
<b>Nebraska</b> .....	...	...	\$12,000	55.5/mile; tied to federal rate.	\$123/day outside 50-mile radius from Capitol; \$46/day if member resides within 50 miles of Capitol (V) tied to federal rate.
<b>Nevada</b> .....	\$146.29/day	Max. of 60 days of session.	...	Federal rate, currently 40.5/mile.	Federal rate for Capitol area (U). Legislators who live more than 50 miles from the capitol, if require lodging, will be paid HUD single-room rate for Carson City area for each month of session.

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	Regular sessions		Annual salary	Limit on days		
	Per-diem salary	...				
<b>New Hampshire</b> .....	...	2-yr. term.	\$200	...	Roundtrip home to State House at 38 mile for first 45 miles and 19/mile thereafter; or members will be reimbursed for actual expenses and mileage will be paid at the maximum IRS mileage rate.	No per diem is paid.
<b>New Jersey</b> .....	...	...	\$49,000	...	None.	No per diem is paid.
<b>New Mexico</b> .....	...	...	...	...	55.5/mile, tied to federal rate.	\$154/d (V) tied to federal rate and the constitution.
<b>New York</b> .....	...	...	\$79,500	...	Varies (V) tied to Federal GSA rate—currently 55.5/mile.	\$171/full day and \$61/half day.
<b>North Carolina</b> .....	...	...	\$13,951	...	29/mile, 1 roundtrip/week during session; 1 roundtrip for attendance at interim cmte. mtgs.	\$104/day (U) set by statute. \$559/month expense allowance.
<b>North Dakota</b> .....	\$152/day during legislative sessions (C)	...	...	...	51/mile; one roundtrip/week during session.	Lodging reimbursement up to 30 times 65 percent of the daily lodging rate (\$1,351 per month as of 8/1/2011 (V)).
<b>Ohio</b> .....	...	...	\$60,583	...	45/mile; one roundtrip/week from home to Statehouse for legislators outside Franklin County only.	No per diem is paid.
<b>Oklahoma</b> .....	...	...	\$38,400	...	55.5/mile, tied to federal rate.	\$147/day (U) tied to federal rate.
<b>Oregon</b> .....	...	...	\$21,956	...	51/mile.	\$123/day (U) tied to federal rate.
<b>Pennsylvania</b> .....	...	...	\$82,026	...	55.5/mile; rate tied to federal rate.	\$159/day (V) tied to federal rate. Can receive actual expenses or per diem.
<b>Rhode Island</b> .....	...	...	\$14,186	...	44.5/mile.	No per diem is paid.
<b>South Carolina</b> .....	...	...	\$10,400	...	44.5/mile.	\$131/day for meals and housing for each statewide session day and committee meeting; tied to federal rate.
<b>South Dakota</b> .....	...	2-yr. term.	\$12,000	...	37/mile for one roundtrip from Pierre to home each weekend. One trip is also paid at 5/mile. During the interim, 37/mile for scheduled committee meetings.	\$110/L (U) set by the legislature.
<b>Tennessee</b> .....	...	...	\$19,009	...	46/mile.	\$173/L (U) tied to federal rate.
<b>Texas</b> .....	...	...	\$7,200	...	50/mile set by General Appropriations bill; an allowance for single, twin and turbo engines from \$1.24/mile is also given.	\$150/d (U) set by Ethics Commission.
<b>Utah</b> .....	\$117/day C	...	...	...	51/mile, roundtrip from home to capitol.	\$95/day (U) lodging allotment for each calendar day, tied to federal rate, \$61/day meals (U).

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State	Salaries				Session per item rate
	Per-diem salary	Limit on days	Annual salary	Mileage cents per mile	
<b>Vermont</b> .....	...	...	\$604.79/week during session; \$112 per day for special sessions or interim cmte. meetings.	Federal mileage rate, now about 51/mile, state employee reimbursement rate.	Federal per diem rate for Montpelier is \$101/day for lodging and \$61/day for meals for non-commuters; commuters receive \$61/day for meals plus mileage.
<b>Virginia</b> .....	...	...	\$18,000/year Senate, \$17,640/year House.	55.5/mile.	House—\$135/day (U) tied to federal rate. Senate—\$169/day (U) tied to federal rate.
<b>Washington</b> .....	...	...	\$42,106	51/mile.	\$90/day.
<b>West Virginia</b> .....	...	...	\$20,000	48.5/mile based on Dept. of Admin. travel regs.	\$131/day during session (U) set by compensation commission.
<b>Wisconsin</b> .....	...	...	\$49,943	48.5/mile; one roundtrip/week to Capitol.	\$88/day maximum (U) set by compensation commission (90% of federal rate). Per diem authorized under 13.123 (1), Wis. Statutes, and Leg. Joint Rule 85. 20.916(8) State Statutes and Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER) establishes the max. amount according to the recommendations of the Director of the Office of State Employment Relations. The leadership of each house then determines, within that maximum, what amount to authorize for the session.
<b>Wyoming</b> .....	\$150/day during session. Members other than leadership receive \$300/mo. when not in session.	...	...	55/mile.	\$109/day (V) set by the legislature, includes travel days for those outside of Cheyenne.

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, 2012.

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