

A Bill for an Act Relating to Expense Allowances for Legislators.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 24 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

“Section 24-1. Allowance for incidental expenses. Each member of the legislature shall receive an annual allowance of \$750, which amount is to cover incidental expenses connected with legislative duties and the amount shall be payable in a manner prescribed by the respective rules of each house.

Section 24-2. Allowance for non-Oahu legislator during session. A member of the legislature whose legal residence is on an island other than Oahu shall receive an additional allowance of \$20 per day, which amount is to cover lodging and incidental expenses but not travel expenses. The allowance shall be paid to each member at the rate prescribed for each day, from the first to the last day of each session, including Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and days of recess pursuant to a concurrent resolution, except for days of recess when a session of the legislature is recessed for more than three days pursuant to a concurrent resolution and for days of unexcused absence of the member from a meeting of the respective house.

Section 24-3. Allowance for expenses while traveling on official legislative business during a session within the State. A member of the legislature whose legal residence is on the island of Oahu and who is required to remain away from the island of his legal residence but within the State overnight or longer while on official legislative business during a session and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house, shall receive an allowance of \$30 per day, which amount is to cover all personal expenses such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel expenses.

A member of the legislature whose legal residence is on an island other than Oahu and who is required to remain away from the island of his legal residence but within the State overnight or longer while on official legislative business during a session and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house, shall receive an allowance of \$20 per day, which amount is to cover all personal expenses such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel expenses. This allowance shall be in addition to the allowance which he may be entitled to receive under section 24-2, except that he shall not be entitled to this allowance while in attendance at a session of the legislature on Oahu.

Section 24-4. Allowance for expenses while on official legislative business during periods of recess and interim official legislative business. When a session of the legislature is recessed for more than three days pursuant to a concurrent resolution or for any interim official legislative business, a member of the legislature while on official legislative business on the island of his legal residence and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house,

shall receive an allowance of \$10 per day to cover personal expenses.

When a session of the legislature is recessed for more than three days pursuant to a concurrent resolution or for any interim official legislative business, a member of the legislature who is required to remain away from the island of his legal residence but within the State overnight or longer while on official legislative business and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house, shall receive an allowance of \$30 per day, which amount is to cover all personal expenses such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel expenses.

Section 24-5. Allowance for expenses while traveling on official legislative business without the State. A member of the legislature while traveling without the State on official legislative business and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house, shall receive an allowance of \$45 per day, which amount is to cover all personal expenses, such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel expenses. This allowance shall be in addition to the allowance which he may be entitled to receive under section 24-2.

Section 24-6. Travel expenses. Travel expenses connected with official legislative business shall be allowed only upon the approval of the presiding officer of the respective house.

Section 24-7. Legislative contingency funds. A senate contingency fund and a house contingency fund shall be established. Each fund shall consist of monies provided by any appropriation made by the legislature for the expenses of the respective house. Appropriation for the senate contingency fund shall not exceed \$10,000 per year and appropriation for the house contingency fund shall not exceed \$15,000 per year. Each fund is to be used to cover the expenses of social occasions hosted by each house as a whole and other social occasions as authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house. No monies shall be expended from such funds except for such occasions and except upon approval by the presiding officer of the respective house.

Every expenditure made from each fund shall be accountable to the legislature.

Section 24-8. Appropriation and payment. Monies provided by the allowances and funds authorized by this chapter shall be paid out of any available appropriation made by the legislature for expenses of the house concerned in the same manner as other expenses of the legislature not inconsistent with this chapter.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on February 19, 1969 upon its approval.

(Approved April 15, 1969.)