

Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2001

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch  
2 of state government; to amend and reenact sections 54-03-20 and 54-35-10 of the North  
3 Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative compensation; to provide for a report; to provide for  
4 application, transfer, and cancellation of unexpended appropriations; and to declare an  
5 emergency.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
8 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
9 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from the insurance  
10 regulatory trust fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the legislative branch of state government  
11 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of state government, for the  
12 fiscal period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

13 Subdivision 1.

14 SIXTY-SEVENTH AND SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND BIENNIUM

	<u>Base Level</u>	Adjustments or <u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
17 Salaries and wages	\$11,190,844	\$505,800	\$11,696,644
18 Operating expenses	3,847,478	3,904,389	7,751,867
19 Capital assets	6,000	0	6,000
20 National conference of state legislatures	<u>263,433</u>	<u>7,900</u>	<u>271,333</u>
21 Total general fund	\$15,307,755	\$4,418,089	\$19,725,844

22 Subdivision 2.

23 LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
1			
2			
3	Salaries and wages	\$2,465,563	\$12,431,280
4	Operating expenses	254,829	3,243,430
5	Capital assets	<u>0</u>	<u>6,000</u>
6	Total all funds	\$2,720,392	\$15,680,710
7	Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>70,000</u>
8	Total general fund	\$2,720,392	\$15,610,710
9	Full-time equivalent positions	8.00	44.00

10 Subdivision 3.

11 TOTAL - SECTION 1

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12			
13			
14	Grand total general fund	\$7,138,481	\$35,336,554
15	Grand total special funds	<u>0</u>	<u>70,000</u>
16	Grand total all funds	\$7,138,481	\$35,406,554

17 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE**

18 **BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts  
 19 reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the  
 20 2019-21 biennium and the 2021-23 one-time funding items included in the appropriation for the  
 21 legislative assembly in section 1 of this Act:

	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
22			
23	Digital signage replacement	\$40,000	\$0
24	Voting system upgrades	100,000	0
25	Computer and iPad replacement	517,760	0
26	Redistricting session	0	317,536
27	Information technology expansion	<u>0</u>	<u>1,450,000</u>
28	Total all funds	\$657,760	\$1,767,536
29	Less estimated income	<u>140,000</u>	<u>0</u>
30	Total general fund	\$517,760	\$1,767,536

1 The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not part of the entity's base budget for  
2 the 2023-25 biennium. The legislative assembly shall report to the appropriations committees of  
3 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium  
4 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

5 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ONE-TIME**  
6 **FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE**

7 **ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the  
8 sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the 2021-23 one-time funding  
9 items included in the appropriation for legislative management and legislative council in  
10 section 1 of this Act:

11 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
12 Redistricting equipment	\$22,400	\$0
13 Computer replacement	124,856	0
14 Council of state governments conference	7,500	0
15 Information technology expansion	0	48,000
16 Public website design	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>
17 Total general fund	\$154,756	\$198,000

18 The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not part of the entity's base budget for  
19 the 2023-25 biennium. The legislative council shall report to the appropriations committees of  
20 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium  
21 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

22 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director  
23 of the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation authority between line items  
24 of the legislative management and legislative council as may be requested by the chairman of  
25 the legislative management or the director of the legislative council upon the finding by the  
26 chairman or the director that the nature of studies and duties assigned to the legislative  
27 management or legislative council requires the transfers in properly carrying on the legislative  
28 management's and legislative council's functions and duties. The director of the office of  
29 management and budget shall similarly make transfers of appropriation authority between the  
30 line items for the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth legislative assemblies, upon request by the  
31 chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative council upon the finding

1 by the chairman or director that the transfers are required for the legislative assembly to carry  
2 on its functions and duties.

3 **SECTION 5. APPLICATION, TRANSFER AUTHORITY, AND CANCELLATION OF**  
4 **UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** Sections 54-16-04 and 54-44.1-11 do not apply to  
5 chapter 1 of the 2019 Session Laws. The director of the office of management and budget shall  
6 make transfers of appropriation authority between the line items and the agencies of the  
7 legislative branch within section 1 of that chapter as requested by the chairman of the legislative  
8 management or the director of the legislative council. The office of management and budget  
9 shall cancel unexpended appropriations for the legislative assembly and legislative council  
10 enacted prior to the 2019-21 biennium as directed by the chairman of the legislative  
11 management or the director of the legislative council.

12 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **54-03-20. Compensation and expense reimbursement of members of the legislative**  
15 **assembly.**

- 16 1. Each member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive as compensation for  
17 services the sum of ~~one hundred eighty-six~~ one hundred ninety dollars through  
18 June 30, 2022, and one hundred ninety-four dollars thereafter for each calendar day  
19 during any organizational, special, or regular legislative session and for each day that  
20 member attends a meeting of a legislative committee between the organizational  
21 session and the regular session as authorized by legislative rule.
- 22 2. a. Each member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive reimbursement for  
23 lodging, which may not exceed per calendar month the amount established under  
24 this subdivision by the director of the office of management and budget for  
25 lodging in state and which may not exceed the rate provided in section 44-08-04  
26 for each calendar day during the period of any organizational, special, or regular  
27 session. On August first of each even-numbered year, the director of the office of  
28 management and budget shall set the maximum monthly reimbursement for the  
29 subsequent two-year period at an amount equal to thirty times seventy percent of  
30 the daily lodging reimbursement in effect on that date as provided under  
31 subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 44-08-04.

- 1           b. Notwithstanding subdivision a:
- 2           (1) A member of the legislative assembly may elect to be reimbursed for less
- 3           than the amount to which the legislator is entitled under this subsection by
- 4           claiming the lesser amount on a voucher submitted with the receipt required
- 5           by section 44-08-04.
- 6           (2) The legislative management may establish guidelines that may result in a
- 7           reduced maximum reimbursement for a single dwelling in which two or more
- 8           legislators share lodging and the total rent for that dwelling exceeds the
- 9           amount to which a legislator is entitled under subdivision a.
- 10         3. a. Members of the legislative assembly who receive reimbursement for lodging are
- 11           also entitled to reimbursement for travel for not to exceed one round trip taken
- 12           during any calendar week, or portion of a week, the legislative assembly is in
- 13           session, between their residences and the place of meeting of the legislative
- 14           assembly, at the rate provided for state employees with the additional limitation
- 15           that reimbursement for travel by common carrier may be only at the cost of coach
- 16           fare and may not exceed one and one-half times the amount the member would
- 17           be entitled to receive as mileage reimbursement for travel by motor vehicle.
- 18         b. A member of the legislative assembly who does not receive reimbursement for
- 19           lodging and whose place of residence in the legislative district that the member
- 20           represents is not within the city of Bismarck is entitled to reimbursement at the
- 21           rate provided for state employees for necessary travel for not to exceed one
- 22           round trip taken per day between the residence and the place of meeting of the
- 23           legislative assembly when it is in session and may receive reimbursement for
- 24           lodging at the place of meeting of the legislative assembly as provided in section
- 25           44-08-04 for each calendar day for which round trip travel reimbursement is not
- 26           claimed, provided that the total reimbursement may not exceed the maximum
- 27           monthly reimbursement allowed under subdivision a of subsection 2.
- 28         4. The amount to which each legislator is entitled must be paid following the
- 29           organizational session in December and each month upon submission of a voucher
- 30           and appropriate documentation during a regular or special session, consistent with
- 31           section 26 of article XI of the constitution of North Dakota.

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- 1           5. If during a special session, the legislative assembly adjourns for more than three days,  
2           a member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive compensation during those  
3           days only while in attendance at a standing committee if the legislator is a member of  
4           that committee, a majority or minority leader, or a legislator who is not on that  
5           committee but who has the approval of a majority or minority leader to attend.
- 6           6. A day, or portion of a day, spent in traveling to or returning from an organizational,  
7           special, or regular session or a legislative committee meeting must be included as a  
8           calendar day during a legislative session or as a day of a legislative committee  
9           meeting for the purposes of this section.
- 10          7. a. In addition, each member is entitled to receive during the term for which the  
11           member was elected, as compensation for the execution of public duties during  
12           the biennium, the sum of ~~five hundred eighteen~~five hundred twenty-eight dollars  
13           through June 30, 2022, and five hundred thirty-nine dollars thereafter a month,  
14           paid monthly.
- 15          b. If a member dies or resigns from office during the member's term, the member  
16           may be paid only the allowances provided for in this section for the period for  
17           which the member was actually a member.
- 18          c. The majority and minority leaders of the house and senate and the chairman of  
19           the legislative management, if the chairman is not a majority or minority leader,  
20           are each entitled to receive as compensation, in addition to any other  
21           compensation or expense reimbursement provided by law, the sum of ~~three-~~  
22           ~~hundred seventy-one~~three hundred seventy-eight dollars through June 30, 2022,  
23           and three hundred eighty-six dollars thereafter per month during the biennium for  
24           their execution of public duties.
- 25          8. Attendance at any organizational, special, or regular session of the legislative  
26           assembly by any member is a conclusive presumption of entitlement as set out in this  
27           section and compensation and expense allowances must be excluded from gross  
28           income for income tax purposes to the extent permitted for federal income tax  
29           purposes under section 127 of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 [Pub. L. 97-34;  
30           95 Stat. 202; 26 U.S.C. 162(i)].

1           9. Before each regular legislative session, the legislative management shall make  
2           recommendations and submit any necessary legislation to adjust legislative  
3           compensation amounts.

4           **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6           **54-35-10. Compensation of members and leadership.**

7           1. The members of the legislative management and the members of any committee of  
8           the legislative management are entitled to be compensated for the time spent in  
9           attendance at sessions of the legislative management and of its committees at the rate  
10          of ~~one hundred eighty-six~~ one hundred ninety dollars through June 30, 2022, and one  
11          hundred ninety-four dollars thereafter per day and must also be paid for expenses  
12          incurred in attending said meetings and in the performance of their official duties in the  
13          amounts provided by law for other state officers.

14          2. In addition to the compensation provided in subsection 1, the chairman of the  
15          legislative management is entitled to receive an additional five dollars for each day  
16          spent in attendance at sessions of the legislative management and of its committees,  
17          and the chairman of each of the legislative management's committees is entitled to  
18          receive five dollars for each day spent in attendance at sessions of the legislative  
19          management or of the committee which the person chairs.

20          **SECTION 8. EMERGENCY.** Sections 1 through 5 of this Act are declared to be an  
21 emergency measure.