

ESTIMATED COST OF A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

The schedule below identifies the estimated incremental cost of adding a legislative district (three legislators). A similar amount of savings would result if a legislative district is eliminated. The costs include the average direct costs identifiable to each legislator.

The estimated costs for the 2001-03 biennium are for the seven-month period December 2002 through June 2003. The estimated costs for the 2011-13 biennium are for the 17-month period July 2011 through November 2012. A new district would begin December 2002 and continue through November 2012.

The following amounts are based on a 77-day regular legislative session and current statutory provisions. (Costs have not been adjusted for inflation.)

	2001-03 December 2002-June 2003	2003-05	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11	2011-13 July 2011- November 2012	Total Cost - 10 Years
Legislative Assembly							
Monthly salary	\$5,652	\$19,377	\$19,377	\$19,377	\$19,377	\$13,725	\$96,885
Health/life insurance	8,625	29,571	29,571	29,571	29,571	20,946	147,855
Session pay	45,618	45,618	45,618	45,618	45,618	2,019	230,109
Session mileage	5,139	5,139	5,139	5,139	5,139	303	25,998
Session lodging	8,535	8,535	8,535	8,535	8,535	735	43,410
Computer equipment	5,400		5,400		5,400		16,200
Other - Data processing, telephone	3,000	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	1,500	22,500
Total Legislative Assembly	\$81,969	\$112,740	\$118,140	\$112,740	\$118,140	\$39,228	\$582,957
Legislative Council							
Interim meetings	\$2,979	\$24,171	\$24,171	\$24,171	\$24,171	\$21,192	\$120,855
Total	\$84,948	\$136,911	\$142,311	\$136,911	\$142,311	\$60,420	\$703,812