



1 ~~Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Idaho. The department shall include the average daily expense~~  
2 ~~allowance for Montana legislators in determining the average daily rate for legislators. The department shall~~  
3 ~~include only states with specific daily allowances in the calculation of the average. If the average daily rate is~~  
4 ~~greater than the daily rate for legislators in Montana, legislators are entitled to a new daily rate for those days~~  
5 ~~during which the legislature is in session. The new daily rate is the daily rate for the prior legislative session,~~  
6 ~~increased by the percentage rate increase as determined by the survey, a cost-of-living increase to reflect~~  
7 ~~inflation that is calculated pursuant to 2-15-122 (5)(a), or 5%, whichever is less. The expense allowance is~~  
8 ~~effective when the next regular session of the legislature in which the legislators serve is convened under 5-2-~~  
9 ~~403.~~

10 ~~(5)(4)~~ Legislators are entitled to a mileage allowance as provided in 2-18-503 for each mile of travel  
11 to the place of the holding of the session and to return to their place of residence at the conclusion of the  
12 session.

13 ~~(6)(5)~~ In addition to the mileage allowance provided for in subsection ~~(5) (4)~~, legislators, ~~upon~~on  
14 submittal of an appropriate claim for mileage reimbursement to the legislative services division, are entitled to:

- 15 (a) three additional round trips to their place of residence during each regular session; and  
16 (b) additional round trips as authorized by the legislature during special session.

17 ~~(7)(6)~~ Legislators are not entitled to any additional mileage allowance under subsection ~~(5) (4)~~ for a  
18 special session if it is convened within 7 days of a regular session.

19 ~~(8)(7)~~ The department of administration shall work with the legislative services division to offer  
20 options to legislators to receive their session salary provided for in subsection (1) over the 2-year legislative  
21 term or a portion of the term. The options must be offered to all legislators in order to assist legislators to  
22 manage their income over the term. The per diem allowance and mileage as provided in this section, salary  
23 during a special session as provided in 5-3-101, and the salary during the interim as provided for in 5-2-302  
24 may not be affected."

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26 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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28 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. [THIS ACT] APPLIES RETROACTIVELY, WITHIN

1 THE MEANING OF 1-2-109, TO REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DAILY ALLOWANCES MADE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 2, 2023.

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3 NEW SECTION. Section 3. — Applicability. ~~[This act] applies to reimbursements for daily allowances~~  
4 ~~on or after [the effective date of this act].~~

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