



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 561

September 25, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives KREIBICH, HANDRICK, LADWIG, HANSON, LEHMAN, HASENOHRL, NASS, GOETSCH, LA FAVE, PORTER, HARSDORF, GROTHMAN, GUNDERSON, OLSEN, F. LASEE, SILBAUGH, HUTCHISON, ZUKOWSKI, AINSWORTH, DOBYNS and WALKER, cosponsored by Senator FARROW. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

- 1     **AN ACT to amend** 13.92 (1) (b) (intro.); and **to create** 13.123 (4) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** drafts received by members of the legislature and office expenses  
3             authorized for members of the legislature.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, the legislative reference bureau is directed by law to provide drafting services equally and impartially to the limits of its facilities and staff. Under joint rule 51, any member or committee of the legislature, the chief clerk of either house or any state agency may enter an unlimited number of drafting requests without charge.

Currently, a sum sufficient appropriation is provided for the operation of the senate and assembly. The statutes do not specifically treat the use of the appropriation for the cost of operating legislative offices.

This bill limits the number of free drafts that a member of the legislature may enter individually to 20 per legislative session. This number includes drafts for bills, joint resolutions and resolutions only.

The bill also specifically empowers the joint committee on legislative organization or the committee on organization of either house of the legislature to provide an allowance for the office expenses of each member of the legislature.

The bill provides that any member of the legislature who receives drafts from the legislative reference bureau exceeding 20 per legislative session shall pay \$50 for each draft received by the member exceeding 20 per legislative session. If an allowance for office expenses is provided, the member must make the payment from that allowance.

