

## 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.

AN ACT to amend 13.92 (1) (b) (intro.); and to create 13.123 (4) of the statutes;

relating to: drafts received by members of the legislature and office expenses

authorized for members of the legislature.

## 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.

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For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

## The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**Section 1.** 13.123 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

13.123 (4) Office expenses. The joint committee on legislative organization or the committee on organization of either house of the legislature may provide an allowance for each member of the legislature to utilize for office expenses.

**SECTION 2.** 13.92 (1) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.92 (1) (b) *Drafting section*. (intro.) The legislative reference bureau shall provide drafting services equally and impartially and to the limits of its facilities and staff. If any member of the legislature receives drafts for bills, joint resolutions and resolutions exceeding 20 per legislative session, the bureau shall charge the member \$50 for each draft received exceeding 20. If an allowance is provided under s. 13.123 (4), the cost shall be paid from that allowance. The bureau shall deposit all receipts under this paragraph as general purpose revenue-earned. In the performance of its drafting services, the bureau shall:

(END)