



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 710

November 29, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives NASS, GOETSCH, BLACK, HUTCHISON, GREEN, LORGE, LAZICH, F. LASEE and POWERS, cosponsored by Senator FITZGERALD. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 35.84 (figure) column E, lines 1 to 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 74 and 75;
2 **and to create** 13.123 (4) and 35.91 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** distribution
3 of Blue Books to certain state and local governmental officers and office
4 expenses authorized for members of the legislature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the legislative reference bureau publishes the Wisconsin Blue Book on a biennial basis. The department of administration (DOA) distributes specified quantities of each edition of the Blue Book to certain state and local governmental officers. All Blue Books are provided at state expense.

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 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 also reduces the quantities of each edition of the Blue Book that are distributed automatically to members of the legislature and certain other state officers, and provides for distribution of one copy of each edition of the Blue Book to each village and town clerk at state expense. The bill provides that if a member of the legislature requests a quantity of any edition of the Blue Book exceeding 5, DOA must charge the member for the cost of the Blue Books exceeding 5. Charges are payable from any allowance provided to the member for office expenses.

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:

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

2 13.123 (4) OFFICE EXPENSES. The joint committee on legislative organization or
3 the committee on organization of either house of the legislature may provide an
4 allowance for each member of the legislature to utilize for office expenses.

5 **SECTION 2.** 35.84 (figure) column E, lines 1 to 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 74 and 75 of the
6 statutes are amended to read:

7 35.84 (figure) Column E Blue Books; s. 35.24 (1)

8	1. Governor	400 <u>50</u>
9	2. Lieutenant Governor	300 <u>20</u>
10	3. Secretary of State	200 <u>20</u>
11	4. State Treasurer	200 <u>20</u>
12	5. Attorney General	200 <u>20</u>
13	6. State Superintendent of Public Instruction	200 <u>20</u>
14	10. Each Senator	600 <u>5</u>
15	11. Each Representative to the Assembly	350 <u>5</u>
16	13. Each Chief Clerk	200 <u>5</u>
17	14. Each Sergeant at Arms	200 <u>5</u>
18	74. Each town clerk	<u>1</u>
19	75. Each village clerk	<u>1</u>

20 **SECTION 3.** 35.91 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

1 35.91 (4) Any member of the legislature may request the department to deliver
2 a specified quantity of Blue Books to the member in addition to the quantity specified
3 in s. 35.84. The price shall be fixed under sub. (2). If an allowance is provided in s.
4 13.123 (4), the cost of the books shall be paid from the allowance.

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