



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 887

February 13, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives WILDER and BAUMGART.
Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 13.123 (1) (a) 1. and (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** a limitation
2 upon the payment of legislative per diem allowances.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, each member of the legislature who must establish a temporary residence at the state capital for the period of any regular or special session is entitled to an allowance for food and lodging expenses for each day that the member is in Madison on legislative business, but not including Saturday or Sunday unless the member is in actual attendance on that day at a session or meeting of a standing committee of which he or she is a member. A member who does not establish a temporary residence is entitled to one-half the daily allowance payable to members who establish a temporary residence. The allowance is not payable for more than 30 days during a recess of the legislature unless otherwise provided by joint resolution.

This bill provides, in addition, that no member may receive the allowance for more than 150 days in any calendar year.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 13.123 (1) (a) 1. and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:
4 13.123 (1) (a) 1. Any member of the legislature who has signified, by affidavit
5 filed with the department of administration, the necessity of establishing a
6 temporary residence at the state capital for the period of any regular or special

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1 legislative session shall be entitled to an allowance for expenses incurred for food and
2 lodging for each day that he or she is in Madison on legislative business, but not
3 exceeding 150 days in any year, and not including any Saturday or Sunday unless
4 the legislator is in actual attendance on such day at a session of the legislature or a
5 meeting of a standing committee of which the legislator is a member. The amount
6 of the allowance shall be established under s. 20.916 (8). Each legislator shall file
7 an affidavit with the chief clerk of his or her house certifying the specific dollar
8 amount within the authorized allowance the member wishes to receive. Such
9 affidavit, when filed, shall remain in effect for the biennial session, except that a new
10 affidavit may be filed for any month following an adjustment in the amount of the
11 authorized allowance under s. 20.916 (8).

12 (c) Each member shall certify to the chief clerk of the house in which the
13 member serves, as promptly as may be following the 1st of each month, the number
14 of days during the previous calendar month on which the member was in Madison
15 on legislative business and for which the member seeks the allowance provided by
16 this subsection. Such allowances shall be paid from the appropriation under s.
17 20.765 (1) (a) or (b) within one week after each calendar month; and shall be paid,
18 upon the filing with the department of administration, the chief clerk's affidavit
19 stating the number of days in Madison on legislative business, not exceeding 150
20 days in any year, for ~~all members~~ each member of the chief clerk's house.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

22 (1) This act first applies beginning with the month following the month in
23 which this act takes effect.

24 (END)