

2001 SENATE BILL 279

October 12, 2001 - Introduced by LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 13.14 (3), 13.20 (1), 20.923 (6) (h) and 230.08 (2) (f) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** elimination of legislative partisan caucus staffs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the joint committee on legislative organization (JCLO) or either house of the legislature may employ such number of research staff assigned to legislative party caucuses as in the judgment of JCLO or the committee on organization of either house are necessary to enable it to perform its functions and duties and to best serve the people of this state. This bill deletes this authority beginning on January 1, 2002, or on the day after publication of this act, whichever is later. The bill does not reduce the number of positions authorized for the assembly or the senate.

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

3 SECTION 1. 13.14 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 13.14 (3) TRAVEL; LEGISLATIVE PERSONNEL. The actual and necessary expenses
5 of legislative policy research personnel, assistants to legislators, and research staff
6 assigned to legislative committees and ~~party caucuses~~ incident to attending

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1 meetings outside the capital shall be reimbursed from the appropriation under s.
2 20.765 (1) (a) or (b).

3 **SECTION 2.** 13.20 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 13.20 (1) NUMBER AND PAY RANGE OF LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES. The legislature or
5 either house thereof may employ under the unclassified service such policy research
6 personnel, assistants to legislators, and research staff assigned to legislative
7 committees ~~and party caucuses~~ and such clerical, professional, or other assistants
8 as in the judgment of the joint committee on legislative organization or the
9 committee on organization in each house are necessary to enable it to perform its
10 functions and duties and to best serve the people of this state, except that the
11 legislature or a house thereof may not employ a person for, or assign a person to, a
12 party caucus.

13 **SECTION 3.** 20.923 (6) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 20.923 (6) (h) Legislature: policy research personnel, assistants to legislators,
15 research staff assigned to legislative committees ~~and party caucuses~~, and other
16 persons employed under s. 13.20.

17 **SECTION 4.** 230.08 (2) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 230.08 (2) (f) All legislative officers and, in addition, policy research personnel,
19 assistants to legislators, research staff assigned to legislative committees ~~and party~~
20 ~~caucuses~~, and other persons employed under s. 13.20.

21 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

22 (1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2002, or on the day after publication,
23 whichever is later.

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