

2003 SENATE BILL 83

March 26, 2003 – Introduced by Senators HARSORF, ZIEN, COWLES, BROWN, WIRCH, SCHULTZ, LEIBHAM and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives HAHN, JESKEWITZ, KRAWCZYK, POCAN, LEMAHIEU, HINES, LOEFFELHOLZ, MCCORMICK and SERATTI. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 13.123 (1) (c) and 13.45 (3) (a); and **to create** 13.124 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** nonpayment of certain legislative expenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that, if the legislature has not passed the biennial budget bill before July 1 of the odd-numbered year, no member of the legislature may be paid any expenses to which the member is entitled for food and lodging for each day that he or she is in Madison on legislative business or for work as a member of a committee during the period that begins on July 1 of the odd-numbered year and until the legislature has passed the biennial budget bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 13.123 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 13.123 (1) (c) Each member shall certify to the chief clerk of the house in which
5 the member serves, as promptly as may be following the 1st of each month, the
6 number of days during the previous calendar month on which the member was in
7 Madison on legislative business and for which the member seeks the allowance

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1 provided by this subsection. ~~Such~~ Subject to s. 13.124, such allowances shall be paid
2 from the appropriation under s. 20.765 (1) (a) or (b) within one week after each
3 calendar month; and shall be paid, upon the filing with the department of
4 administration, the chief clerk's affidavit stating the number of days in Madison on
5 legislative business for all members of the chief clerk's house.

6 **SECTION 2.** 13.124 of the statutes is created to read:

7 **13.124 Nonpayment of certain expense reimbursements.** If the
8 legislature has not passed the biennial budget bill or bills under s. 16.47 (1) before
9 July 1 of the odd-numbered year, no member of the legislature may be paid any
10 expenses to which the member is entitled under s. 13.123 (1) or 13.45 (3) (a) during
11 the period that begins on July 1 of the odd-numbered year and until such time as the
12 legislature has passed the biennial budget bill or bills.

13 **SECTION 3.** 13.45 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 13.45 (3) (a) For any day for which the legislator does not file a claim under s.
15 13.123 (1), and subject to s. 13.124, any legislator appointed to serve on a legislative
16 committee or a committee to which the legislator was appointed by either house or
17 the officers thereof shall be reimbursed from the appropriations under ss. 20.315 (1)
18 (q) and 20.765 (1) (a) or (b) for actual and necessary expenses incurred as a member
19 of the committee.

20 (END)