

**75-134. Same; services and facilities to be provided incoming governor.** (a) In preparing for the assumption of official duties as governor, each incoming governor who is not the governor currently in office, shall be provided necessary services and facilities, including:

(1) The use of office space, located on the first or second floor of the state capitol, appropriately equipped with furniture, furnishings, office machines and equipment, and office supplies as determined by the secretary of administration after consultation with the incoming governor;

(2) staff members, to be selected by the incoming governor, at rates of compensation determined by him or her within the limitations of appropriations therefor and paid therefrom by the director of the budget. Whenever requested by the incoming governor, any employee of any agency of the executive branch of the state government may be assigned to such staff on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis and while so assigned such employee shall be responsible only to the incoming governor for the performance of duties for which assigned. Any employee so assigned shall continue to receive the compensation provided by law for his or her regular employment, and shall retain the rights and privileges of such regular employment without interruption. Persons appointed as staff members under this subsection, other than those assigned from state agencies, shall be within the unclassified service;

(3) payment of expenses by the director of the budget within the limitations of appropriations therefor, for:

(i) services of experts and consultants;

(ii) travel expenses and subsistence allowances for persons serving without compensation;

(iii) mailing and telecommunications services; and

(iv) printing and binding services.

(b) In the case where the incoming governor is the incumbent governor, there shall be no expenditures of funds for the provision of services and facilities to such incumbent under this act, and any funds appropriated for such purposes shall be lapsed.

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