

HOUSE BILL No. 2487

By Representative Trimmer

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1 AN ACT concerning legislators; relating to subsistence allowances;
2 amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 46-137a and repealing the existing
3 section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 46-137a is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 46-137a. In addition to the compensation provided for by K.S.A.
8 46-137b, 46-137e and 75-3212, and amendments thereto, each member of
9 the legislature shall receive the following amounts:

10 (a) The sum of \$88.66 per calendar day for service at any regular or
11 special session, except as otherwise provided in subsection (e);

12 (b) the sum of ~~\$109~~ \$129 per calendar day for subsistence allowance
13 for any regular or special session of the legislature, ~~except that if the~~
14 ~~amounts allowable for the capital city of Kansas under applicable federal~~
15 ~~law and regulations to employees of the executive branch of the federal~~
16 ~~government for per diem expenses, while away from home but serving in~~
17 ~~the United States, are amounts which total greater than \$109, then each~~
18 ~~member of the legislature shall receive such greater total amount per~~
19 ~~calendar day for subsistence allowance for any regular or special session~~
20 ~~of the legislature. The provisions of this subsection shall take effect on the~~
21 ~~first day of the first payroll period following the effective date of this act;~~

22 (c) an allowance of \$354.15 for the two-week period which coincides
23 with the biweekly payroll period which includes April 1st and for each of
24 the 19 ensuing two-week periods thereafter, to defray expenses incurred
25 between sessions of the legislature for postage, telephone, office and other
26 incidental expenses, except as otherwise provided in subsection (f);

27 (d) an allowance for mileage in an amount equal to the rate per mile
28 prescribed under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3203a, and amendments
29 thereto, multiplied by the number of miles traveled by the usual route in
30 going to and returning from the member's place of residence for any
31 regular or special session of the legislature. Such mileage allowances shall
32 be paid for not to exceed the equivalent of one trip for each full week
33 occurring between convening and adjournment sine die in any regular or
34 special session. The mileage allowance provided under the provisions of
35 this subsection shall not be subject to the restrictions relating to the use of
36 vehicles prescribed by K.S.A. 75-3203 and 75-3203a, and amendments

1 thereto, but shall only be allowed for trips actually made. Compensation
2 and subsistence allowance shall not be allowed under the provisions of
3 subsections (a) and (b) of this section during any period in which the
4 legislature is adjourned for more than two days, Sundays excepted; and

5 (e) whenever the rates of compensation of the pay plan for persons in
6 the classified service under the Kansas civil service act are increased for
7 payroll periods chargeable to fiscal years commencing after June 30, 2009,
8 the rate of compensation per calendar day for members of the legislature
9 for service at any regular or special session of the legislature shall be
10 increased on the effective date of any such pay plan increase by an amount
11 computed by multiplying the average of the percentage increases in all
12 steps of such pay plan by the rate of compensation per calendar day which
13 is authorized by this section for service at any regular or special session of
14 the legislature for the day upon which such increase is computed.

15 (f) Whenever the rates of compensation of the pay plan for persons in
16 the classified service under the Kansas civil service act are increased for
17 payroll periods chargeable to fiscal years commencing after June 30, 2009,
18 the allowance provided for each member of the legislature by subsection
19 (c) to defray expenses incurred between sessions of the legislature for
20 postage, telephone, office and other incidental expenses for each of the
21 two-week periods specified by subsection (c) shall be increased on the
22 effective date of any such pay plan increase by an amount computed by
23 multiplying the average of the percentage increases in all steps of such pay
24 plan by the allowance provided to defray such expenses for each such two-
25 week period as provided by this section.

26 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 46-137a is hereby repealed.

27 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the Kansas register.