

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 161

2022 Regular Session

Lyons

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Provides for the vouchered office expense allowance for members of the legislature.

DIGEST

Present law (R.S. 24:31.4) provides to each member of the legislature an office allowance of up to \$500 each month in vouchered expenses for such items as rent for office space in a parish or parishes which he represents, utilities, telephone, office supplies, and other expenses related to the holding and conducting of legislative office. Requires a member to submit appropriate invoices or receipts in order to have those expenses paid or reimbursed from these funds each month, with the payment in any month not exceeding \$500. Present law prohibits payments for office space located in a legislator's residence or for any office space which is located in property owned wholly or in part by the legislator or a member of his family.

Proposed law increases the office allowance to \$1000 each month and otherwise retains present law.

Effective July 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 24:31.4(A) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove increase of legislative office expense allowance to \$1500 if the average rent for a reasonable commercial office space situated in a parish represented by the legislator exceeds \$500 per month.
2. Increase the legislative office expense allowance from \$500 to \$1000 per month.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill

1. Make technical corrections.