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DIGEST

Present law provides that legislators shall be paid a per diem equal to the rate allowable for per diem deduction under the Federal Tax Code for the location of the state capital during their attendance. Proposed law retains present law but provides that this per diem shall only be paid during regular and special sessions, and not during the interim.

Present law provides that in addition to the per diem and all other allowances, members of the legislature shall be paid an annual salary of \$16,800. Proposed law retains present law but increases a legislator's annual salary to \$70,000.

Present law provides that in addition to a salary and other allowances, a legislator shall be paid a monthly expense allowance for expenses in connection with holding or conducting their office in the amount of \$500 per month. Proposed law retains present law but increases the amount of this monthly allowance to \$1,500 for members of the House of Representatives and \$3,000 for members of the Senate.

Present law provides that the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate shall each be paid an annual salary of \$32,000. Proposed law retains present law but increases the speaker's and president's annual salaries to \$80,000.

Present law provides that the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall each be paid an annual salary of \$24,500. Proposed law retains present law but increases these annual salaries to \$75,000.

Effective January 1, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 24:31, 31.1(A) and (E), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B))