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#### DIGEST

Establishes a Senate Executive Committee comprised of the president of the Senate and the president pro tempore of the Senate, the chairs of the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee and one Senate member appointed by the president. Authorizes the committee to advise the president of the Senate regarding specified internal Senate matters. Empowers the committee to establish an annual vouchered allotment for members to be drawn by each Senator in monthly payments to be used exclusively for expenses incurred in the course and scope of duties as a member of the Senate such as rent for office space; electricity; water; gas; telephone; communication services; stationery; supplies; mileage or expense reimbursement for official travel in or out of state; and other expenses related to the holding or conduct of office.

Provides for the allotment to be set no later than Feb. 1st of each calendar year to be effective for the succeeding fiscal year. Requires the allotment be set by the adoption of a resolution in an open public hearing. Provides for the establishment of an amount for the balance of the 2004-05 FY to be drawn beginning in Sept. 2004. Specifies that there is no change in the amount or method of payment of any expense payments due a member during the period prior to Sept. 2004.

(Adds Senate Rule No. 13.22)