

HOUSE BILL No. 2448

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to compensation, salary and
2 retirement benefits of members thereof; creating the legislative
3 compensation commission; prescribing powers and duties of the
4 commission; authorizing the commission to set rates of compensation
5 for members of the legislature; establishing procedures for review and
6 possible rejection of such rates of compensation by the legislature;
7 eliminating the previously established compensation commission;
8 repealing K.S.A. 46-3101.
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10 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

11 Section 1. (a) There is created the legislative compensation
12 commission consisting of nine members as follows:

13 (1) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of
14 representatives. Such member appointed by the speaker shall be a former
15 member of the legislature;

16 (2) one member appointed by the president of the senate. Such
17 member appointed by the president shall be a former member of the
18 legislature;

19 (3) one member appointed by the speaker pro tempore of the house of
20 representatives;

21 (4) one member appointed by the vice president of the senate;

22 (5) one member appointed by the majority leader of the house of
23 representatives;

24 (6) one member appointed by the majority leader of the senate;

25 (7) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
26 representatives;

27 (8) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and

28 (9) one member appointed by the governor.

29 (b) The initial member appointed by the speaker shall be appointed
30 prior to August 1, 2023. All other initial members shall be appointed prior
31 to September 1, 2023.

32 (c) No person shall be appointed to the commission who is a current
33 member of the legislature, a current employee of the legislature or a
34 registered lobbyist.

35 (d) The member appointed by the speaker shall serve as the first
36 chairperson of the commission. The member appointed by the president

1 shall serve as the first vice chairperson of the commission. Thereafter, the
2 next chairperson to be appointed prior to August 1, 2026, shall be
3 appointed by the president and the next vice chairperson to be appointed
4 prior to September 1, 2026, shall be appointed by the speaker. The
5 authority to appoint the chairperson and vice chairperson for future
6 commissions shall alternate between the speaker and the president in
7 similar manner as for the original appointments. Vacancies shall be filled
8 in the same manner as for the original appointments.

9 (e) Any member of the commission shall be eligible for
10 reappointment.

11 (f) The term of each appointment to the commission shall end upon
12 the completion of the responsibilities of the commission pursuant to
13 subsections (h) and (i).

14 (g) The commission shall meet upon call of the chairperson. A
15 majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for
16 the transaction of any business of the commission. Any action taken by the
17 commission shall be by majority vote of the members present.

18 (h) The legislative compensation commission shall:

19 (1) Make a comprehensive study of the compensation, salary and
20 retirement benefits of the members of the legislature;

21 (2) set the rates of compensation for members of the legislature to be
22 effective as provided in subsection (i); and

23 (3) make recommendations related to retirement benefits for members
24 of the legislature.

25 (i) In 2023, the legislative compensation commission shall establish
26 the rate of compensation for services rendered by members of the
27 legislature during the four-year period that commences on the first day of
28 the term of office that commences on the first day of the legislative session
29 in January of 2025. Such rate of compensation established by the
30 commission shall be submitted to the legislature on or before December 1,
31 2023. Such rate of compensation established by the commission shall be
32 the rate of compensation for members of the legislature unless, prior to 30
33 days after the commencement of the legislative session next occurring
34 after submission of such established rate of compensation to the
35 legislature, the legislature rejects such rate of compensation by the
36 adoption of a concurrent resolution. In the concurrent resolution that
37 rejects such rate of compensation, the legislature may include a
38 requirement that the legislative compensation commission meet within 14
39 days after the adoption of the concurrent resolution by the legislature to set
40 another rate of compensation to be submitted to the legislature prior to 30
41 days after such adoption of the concurrent resolution. The legislature may
42 reject such rate of compensation by the adoption of a concurrent resolution
43 prior to adjournment sine die of that legislative session. In the event of

1 rejection by the legislature of the second rate of compensation set by the
2 commission, the rate of compensation prevailing at the time of the
3 previous session shall remain in effect.

4 (j) New members of the commission shall be appointed in 2026. The
5 commission appointed in 2026 may meet upon call of the chairperson in
6 2026 and 2027 to conduct the business of the commission. Such
7 commission shall set the rate of compensation for members of the
8 legislature to be effective during the four-year period that commences on
9 the first day of the term of office that commences on the first day of the
10 legislative session in January of 2029 and submit such rate of
11 compensation to the legislature on or before December 1 of 2026 or 2027,
12 as appropriate. The legislature may take such actions as provided in
13 subsection (i) during the legislative session next occurring after such
14 submission. In each fourth year after 2026, new members of the
15 commission shall be appointed in the same manner as the original
16 appointments and the commission shall function in the same manner and
17 take such actions as provided for the initial commission. In each fourth
18 year after 2023, the house of representatives and the senate may take such
19 actions as provided in subsection (i).

20 (k) Members of the commission shall receive compensation,
21 subsistence allowances, mileage and expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-
22 3223, and amendments thereto, when attending meetings of the
23 commission.

24 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
25 publication in the Kansas register.