



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 996

January 25, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, EMERSON, J. ANDERSON, BALDEH, CONLEY, JOERS, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, RATCLIFF, SHELTON, SINICKI, STUBBS and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators LARSON, ROYS and AGARD. Referred to Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 13.08 (5) and 13.123 (1) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** per diem
2 and mileage allowances for legislators.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, representatives to the assembly and senators may receive allowances for transportation expenses for travel to and from the state capitol once every week during a legislative session, and per diem allowances for food and lodging during a session of the legislature, but none is payable during a recess of the legislature for 30 days or more unless approved by a joint resolution adopted by both houses. The allowances are payable once per month.

This bill prohibits payment for these allowances during the period beginning 90 days after the enactment of a biennial budget act that contains any increase in compensation for public employees and ending on the date the Joint Committee on Employment Relations takes action on the increase. Under the bill, the allowances accrued during such a period are to be paid in a timely manner following action by JCOER.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 13.08 (5) of the statutes is created to read:
4 13.08 (5) During the period beginning 90 days after the enactment of a biennial
5 budget act that contains an increase in compensation for any public employee and

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1 ending on the date the joint committee on employment relations takes action on the
2 increase in compensation, eligible allowances under subs. (2) and (4) shall accrue but
3 may not be paid to a member of the legislature. The eligible allowances accrued
4 under subs. (2) and (4) during the period specified in this subsection shall be paid in
5 a timely manner after the joint committee on employment relations takes action on
6 the increase in compensation.

7 **SECTION 2.** 13.123 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

8 13.123 (1) (d) During the period beginning 90 days after the enactment of a
9 biennial budget act that contains an increase in compensation for any public
10 employee and ending on the date the joint committee on employment relations takes
11 action on the increase in compensation, allowances under pars. (a) to (c) shall accrue
12 but may not be paid to a member of the legislature. The allowances accrued under
13 pars. (a) to (c) during the period specified in this paragraph shall be paid in a timely
14 manner after the joint committee on employment relations takes action on the
15 increase in compensation.

16 (END)