



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 542**

February Session, 2000

Substitute Senate Bill No. 132

*Senate, April 12, 2000*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17<sup>th</sup> Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***An Act Increasing The Compensation Of Members Of The Freedom Of Information Commission, Ethics Commission And State Elections Enforcement Commission.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1-205 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) Each member shall receive [fifty] seventy-five dollars per day for  
4 each day such member is present at a commission hearing or meeting,  
5 and shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary  
6 expenses incurred in connection therewith, in accordance with the  
7 provisions of section 4-1.

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 1-80 of the general statutes is  
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

10 (f) Members of the commission shall be compensated at the rate of  
11 [fifty] seventy-five dollars per day for each day they attend a meeting

12 or hearing and shall receive reimbursement for their necessary  
13 expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

14 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 9-7a of the general statutes is  
15 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

16 (a) There is established a State Elections Enforcement Commission  
17 to consist of five members, not more than two of whom shall be  
18 members of the same political party and at least one of whom shall not  
19 be affiliated with any political party. Of the members first appointed  
20 hereunder, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House  
21 of Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from  
22 July 1, 1974; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the  
23 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July  
24 first; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of  
25 Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from said  
26 July first; one shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
27 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July  
28 first, and one shall be appointed by the Governor, provided that such  
29 member shall not be affiliated with any political party, and shall hold  
30 office for a term of five years from said July first. Thereafter, members  
31 shall be appointed for terms of five years from July first in the year of  
32 their appointment and shall be appointed by the person holding the  
33 same office as was held by the person making the original  
34 appointment, provided any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be  
35 appointed only for the unexpired term of the member whom [he] the  
36 person shall succeed. All appointments shall be made with the consent  
37 of the state Senate and House of Representatives, provided the initial  
38 appointees may serve without confirmation from July 1, 1974, subject  
39 to approval at the next regular session of the General Assembly. No  
40 person who has served within the previous three years as a public  
41 official, other than a member of the State Elections Enforcement  
42 Commission, or who has served within the previous three years as a  
43 political party officer, shall be appointed to membership on the

44 commission. For purposes of this subsection the term "public official"  
 45 means an individual who holds or has held a state, district or  
 46 municipal office as defined in section 9-372 but shall not include a  
 47 justice of the peace or a notary public and the term "political party  
 48 officer" means an officer or member of a national committee of a  
 49 political party, state central or town committee, or any person  
 50 employed by any such committee for compensation. The commission  
 51 shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and another  
 52 member to serve as vice-chairperson. Each member of the commission  
 53 shall be compensated at the rate of [fifty] seventy-five dollars per day  
 54 for any day on which [he] the member participates in a regular  
 55 commission meeting or hearing, and shall be paid by the state for [his]  
 56 the member's reasonable expenses, including necessary stenographic  
 57 and clerical help.

58 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

**GAE Committee Vote:** Yea 22 Nay 0 JFS C/R APP

**APP Committee Vote:** Yea 50 Nay 0 JFS

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Cost

**Affected Agencies:** Freedom of Information Commission, Ethics Commission, State Elections Enforcement Commission

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

**State Impact:**

Agency	Estimated Cost: FY 01
Freedom of Information Commission	\$9,025
Ethics Commission	\$2,400
State Elections Enforcement Commission	\$1,750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,175</b>

The bill increases the per diem compensation of the five freedom of information commissioners from \$50 to \$75 for commission hearings and meetings. Funding of \$9,025 has been included in the house version of the budget for this purpose.

The bill increases from \$50 to \$75, the per diem compensation for the commissioners of the state elections enforcement commission, and the ethics commission for attending commission meetings or hearings. This would result in a cost of \$1,750 to the state elections enforcement

commission and \$2,400 to the ethics commission. No funding for these purposes has been provided in either version of the budget.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, ETHICS COMMISSION AND STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill increases from \$50 to \$75, the per diem payable to members of the freedom of information, ethics, and elections enforcement commissions for attending a commission meeting or hearing. Members continue to be reimbursed for necessary or reasonable expenses associated with attendance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2000

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 22 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 50 Nay 0