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**2016 Survey -  
Legislative Compensation: Office and Phone**

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Legislator's compensation for office supplies, district offices and staffing</i>	<i>Phone allowance</i>
<b>Alabama</b>	None, although annual appropriation to certain positions may be so allocated.	Yes O.S.B.
<b>Alaska</b>	Senate—\$20,000 a year per senator for postage, stationery and other legislative expenses. Staffing allowance determined by rules and presiding officers, depending on time of year. House—\$16,000 a year per representative for postage, stationery and other legislative expenses. Staffing allowance determined by rules and presiding officers, depending on time of year.	Yes O.S.B.
<b>Arizona</b>	None	(a)
<b>Arkansas</b>	Up to \$3,600 a year additional reimbursement for committee chairs, vice chairs and standing subcommittee chairs.	No
<b>California</b>	Senate—member expenses are paid directly and maintained by the Senate Rules Committee. Assembly—\$263,000 members' base allowance.	No
<b>Colorado</b>	None	Yes O.S.B.
<b>Connecticut</b>	Senate—\$5,500 a year per senator. House—\$4,500 a year per representative.	No
<b>Delaware</b>	\$7,332 a year expense allowance.	No
<b>Florida</b>	Senate—\$2,921 a month district office expenses. House—\$2,482 a month district office expenses.	(b)
<b>Georgia</b>	\$7,000 a year reimbursable expense account for personal services, office equipment, rent, supplies, transportation, telecommunications, etc.	No
<b>Hawaii</b>	Senate—\$350-\$500 a day staffing allowance. House—\$5,000-\$7,500 a month allocation for session staffing.	O.S.B.
<b>Idaho</b>	\$2,500 a year for unvouchered constituent expense.	No
<b>Illinois</b>	Senate—\$83,063 a year office expenses, including district offices and staffing. House—\$69,409 a year office expenses, including district offices and staffing.	No
<b>Indiana</b>	None	No
<b>Iowa</b>	\$300 a month district constituency postage, travel, telephone and other expenses.	No
<b>Kansas</b>	\$7,083 a year. Staffing allowances vary for leadership.	Yes
<b>Kentucky</b>	\$1,789 a year district expenses during interim.	No
<b>Louisiana</b>	\$500 a month expenses in connection with holding office. \$1,500 a month supplemental allowance for vouchered office expenses, rent and travel mileage in district. \$2,000-\$3,000 a month staff allowance.	Yes (c)
<b>Maine</b>	None. However, supplies for staff offices are provided and paid for out of general legislative account.	Yes (d)

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<b>Maryland</b>	\$18,965 a year normal expenses of a district office with limits on staffing, postage, telephone and publications. \$6,200-\$15,500 a year staff salaries & operating expenses. \$16,325-\$18,325 a year in lieu of institutionally provided administrative assistant to House members.	No
<b>Massachusetts</b>	\$7,200 a year office expenses.	No
<b>Michigan</b>	Senate—\$51,900 a year office budget per senator. House—\$102,000 a year office allowance per majority member. \$99,000 a year office allowance per minority member.	Yes O.S.B.
<b>Minnesota</b>	None	Yes (e)
<b>Mississippi</b>	\$1,500 a month out of session.	No
<b>Missouri</b>	Up to \$700 a month reasonable and necessary business expenses.	Yes (f)
<b>Montana</b>	None	Leaders only
<b>Nebraska</b>	None	Yes O.S.B.
<b>Nevada</b>	Leaders: \$900 each regular session and \$64 each special session for postage, telephone tolls, and other communications charges for speaker, speaker pro tem, majority leader, minority leader president, president pro tem, majority floor leader, minority floor leader Senate and House Committee chairs: \$900 each regular session and \$64 each special session for postage, telephone tolls, and other communications charges. Any chair who would otherwise qualify for more than one allowance is entitled only to one allowance.	Yes (g)
<b>New Hampshire</b>	None	No
<b>New Jersey</b>	\$1,250 office supplies. Equipment and furnishings supplied through a district office program. \$110,000 a year district office personnel. State provides stationery for each legislator and 10,000 postage stamps.	No
<b>New Mexico</b>	None	No
<b>New York</b>	Allowances are provided for in Senate Rule X, Sec. 8-10 and Assembly Rule V, Sec. 9.	No response
<b>North Carolina</b>	Leaders: \$16,956 a year expense allowance each for president pro tem, speaker. \$10,032 a year expense allowance each for deputy president pro tem, speaker pro tem. \$7,992 a year expense allowance each for majority leaders, minority leaders. Non-leaders: \$6,708 a year any legislative expenses not otherwise provided. \$2,275 a year postage, stationery and telephone.	(h)
<b>North Dakota</b>	None	Yes (i)
<b>Ohio</b>	None	Yes O.S.B.
<b>Oklahoma</b>	\$1,500 a year office expenses and electronic communications such as cell phone bills.	(j)
<b>Oregon</b>	\$69,952 per biennium for interim expenses. \$37,662 session staffing. \$2,736 session services and supplies. \$450-750 a month interim district allowance, depending on geographic size of district.	Yes O.S.B.
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Staffing is determined by leadership.	No
<b>Rhode Island</b>	None	No
<b>South Carolina</b>	\$1,000 a month each member district expenses. \$650/interim committee chairs expense allowance. \$3,400 a year Senate postage, stationery and telephone. \$1,800 a year House telephone. \$700 a year House postage.	(k)
<b>South Dakota</b>	None	Yes (l)
<b>Tennessee</b>	\$1,000 a month expenses in district.	Yes (m)
<b>Texas</b>	Allowance for staff salaries, supplies, stationery, postage, district office rental, telephone expense, etc.	No

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<b>Utah</b>	None	Yes (n)
<b>Vermont</b>	None	Yes
<b>Virginia</b>	Leaders: \$76,377 a year staffing allowance. \$1,750 a month office expense allowance. Legislators: \$56,100 a year staffing allowance. \$1,250 a month office expense allowance.	No
<b>Washington</b>	\$7,800 a year for legislative expenses, for which the legislator has not been otherwise entitled to reimbursement. No staffing allowance.	Yes O.S.B.
<b>West Virginia</b>	None	Yes
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Senate—\$214,950 a 2-year period staffing allowance. \$55,955 a 2-year period office expenses. Assembly—\$15,000 a 2-year session office expenses.	(o)
<b>Wyoming</b>	\$750 a quarter through constituent service allowance.	No

Source : National Conference of State Legislatures, 2016.

Key:

(U) — Unvouchered.

(V) — Vouchered.

O.P.— Optional at legislator's expense.

O.S.B.— Official state or legislative business only.

S.A.— Same as state employees.

S.P. — State pays full amount.

S.P.P.— State pays portion and legislator pays portion.

Notes:

(a) Arizona. Phone cards allowed for certain districts; none used at this time.

(b) Florida. May pay for phone service from district funds.

(c) Louisiana. District office line with one extension.

(d) Maine. Pre-paid phone cards issued and administered by the Senate and House.

(e) Minnesota. \$200 a month Senate communication reimbursement. \$125 a month House communications allowance.

(f) Missouri. Up to \$50 a month for data plan only.

(g) Nevada. \$2,800 a session allowance. \$300 each special session.

(h) North Carolina. Included in office allowance.

(i) North Dakota. Legislative Council members or committee chairs only.

(j) Oklahoma. Included in office allowance.

(k) South Carolina. Included in office allowance.

(l) South Dakota. Phone cards.

(m) Tennessee. In-state long distance only.

(n) Utah. State-paid mobile phone or reimbursement for personal phone at same rate as state-paid plan.

(o) Wisconsin. Included in office allowance.