

HISTORY OF LEGISLATOR SALARY RATES

Salary:

- Prior to 2009 Session – Salary based on 5-2-301, MCA, defined as “commensurate to that of the **daily rate of an entry grade 10 classified state employee** in effect when the regular session of the legislature in which they serve is convened...”
- Beginning with 2009 Session - HB13, passed during the 2007 session, reflected the executive branch implementation of a broadband pay plan and revised 5-2-301, MCA, related to legislator salary. Legislator salary was established as “commensurate to that of the **daily rate for an employee earning \$10.33 an hour** when the regular session of the legislature in which they serve is convened...” The salary must be adjusted by any statutorily required pay increase. The statute revision was effective 7/1/07 and first applied to the 61st Legislature convening in January 2009. (Verified with Legal Director 7/20/07)

NOTE: As long as the \$10.33 rate remains unchanged in statute, legislative staff will manually have to calculate and apply cumulative changes which apply to the rate since statute requires an adjustment for any statutory pay increase. Remember, a statutory increase which takes effect AFTER a Legislature convenes in regular session is not applied until the NEXT Legislature convenes.

January **1999** \$59.672/day (\$7.459/hr, \$59.672/day, \$15,515/annualized)
January **2001** \$71.832/day (\$8.979/hr, \$71.832/day, \$18,676/annualized)
January **2003** \$76.80/day (\$9.60/hr, \$76.80/day, \$19,968/annualized)
January **2005** \$76.80/day (\$9.60/hr, \$76.80/day, \$19,968/annualized)
January **2007** \$82.665/day (\$10.333/hr, \$82.665/day, \$21,493/annualized)
January **2009** \$82.64/day (\$10.33/hr, \$82.64/day, \$21,486/annualized)
January **2011** \$82.64/day (\$10.33/hr, \$82.64/day, \$21,486/annualized)
January **2013** \$82.64/day (\$10.33/hr, \$82.64/day, \$21,486/annualized)

FYI – the additional \$5/day during session for Pres/Spkr was enacted by Chapter 103, Laws of 1977.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATOR PER DIEM RATES

Statute provides a formula for calculation of the per diem rate in 5-2-301(4), MCA. Documentation of the calculation of the per diem rate each biennium is filed in the appropriate feed bill file.

Per Diem:

1997	\$70.00
1999	\$75.00
2001	\$87.25
2003	\$90.31
2005	\$94.05
2007	\$98.75
2009	\$103.69
2011	\$105.31
2013	\$109.78