## INTERIM COMMITTEE COMPENSATION EXPLANATION

The 69th Legislature passed Senate Bill 64, which amended **MCA 5-2-302**, the statute governing compensation for legislative interim work. This legislation establishes a zone-based system for determining compensation for participation in Interim, Budget, and Administrative Committee meetings, based on the round-trip mileage from a member's residence to the meeting location.

A member's eligible compensation is based on the designated travel zone corresponding to the round-trip distance from their residence to the meeting location, unless they choose to **opt out** of part or all of the compensation by contacting the **Legislative Financial Office** at <a href="mailto:legislative-

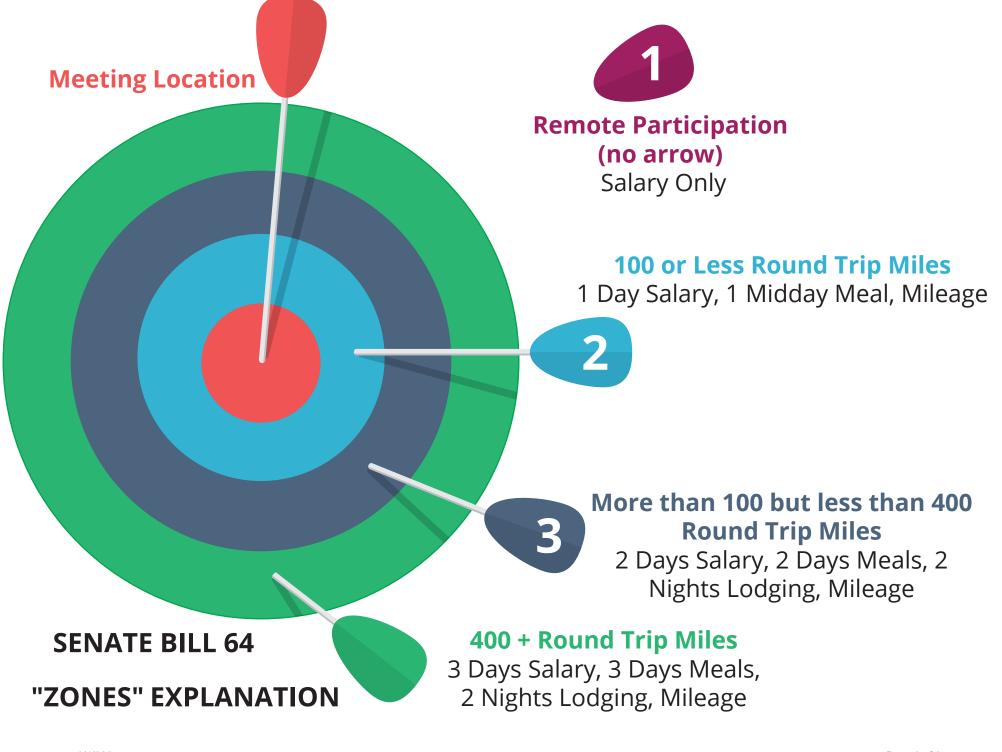
## **Compensation Specifics:**

- Remote participation or "Zoom:"
  - Salary only each meeting day.
- 100 miles or less:
  - o 1-meeting day:
    - 1 day salary
    - 1 midday meal
    - Mileage
  - Each additional consecutive meeting day:
    - Additional day salary
    - Additional midday meal
    - Additional round-trip mileage
- More than 100 but less than 400 miles:
  - 1-meeting day:
    - 2 Days Salary
    - 2 Days Meals
    - 2 Nights Lodging
    - Mileage
  - o Each additional consecutive meeting day:
    - Additional day salary
    - Additional full-day meals
    - Additional nights lodging
- More than 400 miles:
  - o 1-meeting day:
    - 3 Days Salary
    - 3 Days Meals
    - 2 Nights Lodging
    - Mileage
  - Each additional consecutive meeting day:
    - Additional day salary
    - Additional full day meals
    - Additional nights lodging

## **Logistics and Administration**

- Committee staff will report attendance directly to the Legislative Financial Office.
- Members are no longer required to submit claim forms or receipts.
- Note: Actual round-trip mileage will be reimbursed, not the miles used to calculate the "zones."
- Inclement weather may allow for additional reimbursements under certain circumstances.
  Please contact the Legislative Financial Office at legfinservices@legmt.gov for assistance.
- If the meeting is not in the Capitol, the Legislative Financial Office will calculate the roundtrip mileage and determine the appropriate zone for the meeting location for you.

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