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## THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT ACT, 1972 (NO. 2)

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1972)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Legislative Assembly Act is hereby amended.*

2. *Section 51 is struck out and the following sections are substituted therefor:*

**51.** There shall be paid to each member of the Legislative Assembly

- (a) an indemnity allowance at the rate of \$9,000 a year, and
- (b) an expense allowance at the rate of \$4,500 a year for expenses incident to the discharge of his duties as a member.

**51.1** (1) There shall be paid to the member of the Legislative Assembly holding the office of Speaker a salary at the rate of \$8,000 per annum and to the member of the Legislative Assembly holding the office of Deputy Speaker a salary at the rate of \$5,000 a year.

(2) There shall be paid to the member of the Legislative Assembly who is the leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition a salary at the rate of \$22,000 a year.

3. *Section 52 is amended*

(a) *by adding after subsection (1) the following subsection:*

(1.1) There shall be paid to each member out of the moneys that have accrued to him under section 51.1 an amount not exceeding one-twelfth of his rate of annual salary per month.

(b) *as to subsection (3) by striking out all the words in the subsection preceding clause (a) and by substituting the following:*

## Explanatory Notes

General: This Bill adopts the recommendations of the Committee appointed by O.C. 892/72 to consider allowances and salaries paid to members of the Legislative Assembly.

1. This Bill will amend chapter 204 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1970. See also The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1972, being chapter 60, Statutes of Alberta, 1972 enacted on June 2, 1972 (Bill 99).

### 2. Section 51 presently reads:

51. (1) There shall be paid to each member of the Legislative Assembly

- (a) an indemnity allowance at the rate of \$4,800 a year, and
- (b) an expense allowance at the rate of \$2,400 a year for expenses incident to the discharge of his duties as a member.

(2) There shall be paid to the member of the Legislative Assembly holding the office of Speaker

- (a) an additional indemnity allowance at the rate of \$3,200 a year, and
- (b) an additional expense allowance at the rate of \$1,600 a year for expenses incident to the discharge of his increased duties as a member.

(3) There shall be paid to the member of the Legislative Assembly holding the office of Deputy Speaker

- (a) an additional indemnity allowance at the rate of \$1,600 a year, and
- (b) an additional expense allowance at the rate of \$800 a year for expenses incident to the discharge of his increased duties as a member.

(4) There shall be paid to the member of the Legislative Assembly who is the leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition

- (a) an additional indemnity allowance at the rate of \$2,400 a year, and
- (b) an additional expense allowance at the rate of \$1,200 a year for expenses incident to the discharge of his increased duties as a member.

### 3. Consequential to amendments in the preceding section. Section 52(3) presently reads:

(3) For the purpose of computing the amount of any allowances payable under section 51 and this section, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition, respectively,

- (a) shall be deemed to have occupied the position from the polling day on which he was elected a member of the Assembly, and
- (b) shall, when the Legislature in which he occupies the position is dissolved, be deemed to occupy the position until the day preceding the polling day following the dissolution or until his death, whichever first occurs,

except that, when the occupant of the position changes, the member succeeding to the position shall be deemed to have occupied the position from the day following that on which his predecessor ceased to occupy the position.

(3) For the purpose of computing the amount of any salaries payable under section 51.1 and this section, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition, respectively,

*4. Section 53 is amended*

- (a) by striking out the figures "\$14" and by substituting therefor the figures "\$26", and*
- (b) by striking out the figures "\$7" and by substituting therefore the figures "\$13".*

*5. Section 55 is struck out and the following section is substituted therefor:*

**55.** There shall be paid to the members of the Executive Council salaries at the following rates, namely,

- (a) \$27,000 a year, in the case of the President of the Executive Council,*
- (b) \$22,000 a year, in the case of a Minister with portfolio, and*
- (c) \$16,000 a year, in the case of a Minister without portfolio,*

and reasonable allowances for travelling and living expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Executive Council at such rates as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

*6. Section 56, subsection (1) is amended by striking out the figures "\$15" and by substituting therefor the figures "\$30".*

*7. This Act comes into force on January 1, 1973.*

**4. This amendment will increase the deductions to be made for absenteeism. Section 53 presently reads:**

53. Notwithstanding section 51, deductions shall be made at the rate of \$14 a day from the indemnity allowance and at the rate of \$7 a day from the expense allowance for each day in excess of five days on which

(a) a sitting of the Legislative Assembly is held, and

(b) the member does not attend the sitting or a meeting of some committee thereof

except where illness, which shall be certified by a qualified medical practitioner, is the cause of the absence, in which case the member shall be deemed to have been present during each day of his illness.

**5. Salaries for members of the Executive Council. Section 55 presently reads:**

55. (1) The annual compensation to be paid to the President of the Executive Council shall be \$18,000 and the annual compensation to be paid to each other member of the Executive Council who is the head of a public department shall be \$15,000.

(2) A member of the Executive Council who is not the head of a public department shall be paid compensation for attending meetings of the Executive Council and for carrying out duties assigned to him by the Executive Council in such amounts as may be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and travelling and subsistence allowances in such amounts as are paid to other members of the Executive Council.

**6. The per diem living allowance for out-of-town members is increased from \$15 to \$30. Section 56(1) presently reads:**

56. (1) A member of the Legislative Assembly who for the purpose of attending a session of the Legislative Assembly leaves his ordinary place of residence and acquires a temporary residence in Edmonton is allowed and shall be paid a subsistence allowance of \$15 a day for each day during the session that the member is necessarily absent from his ordinary place of residence.