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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

State officials compensation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) HDraft

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state officials; increasing the daily
2 salary rate for a legislator starting in the 69th
3 legislature; creating the independent commission on state
4 official compensation; providing for appointment of
5 members; providing for terms of members on the commission;
6 providing for reports; providing an appropriation; and
7 providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-201 is created to read:

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13 ARTICLE 2 - STATE OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

1 **9-3-201. Independent commission on state officials**
2 **compensation.**

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4 (a) There is created the independent commission on
5 state officials compensation. The commission shall be
6 comprised of seven (7) members appointed as provided in
7 this subsection. Members of the commission shall receive
8 per diem and mileage in the same amount as members of the
9 legislature while attending meetings of the commission.
10 Except as provided in this subsection, members of the
11 commission shall serve six (6) year terms. Members of the
12 commission may serve no more than two (2) consecutive
13 terms. Of the initial members appointed to the commission
14 three (3) members shall serve six (6) year terms, two (2)
15 members shall serve four (4) year terms and two (2) members
16 shall serve two (2) year terms. The governor, president of
17 the senate, speaker of the house of representatives and
18 chief justice of the supreme court shall jointly determine
19 the terms of the initial members appointed to the
20 commission. If a member of the commission resigns, a new
21 member shall be appointed for the remainder of the
22 resigning member's term by the authority who appointed the
23 resigning member. Members of the commission shall be

1 qualified electors of the state of Wyoming and shall not
2 hold any office or employment with the state of Wyoming
3 while serving on the board. Members of the commission may
4 be removed by the members appointing authority as provided
5 in W.S. 9-1-202. Members of the commission shall be
6 appointed as follows:

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8 (i) Three (3) members of the commission shall be
9 appointed by the governor;

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11 (ii) Two (2) members of the commission shall be
12 appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

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14 (iii) One (1) member of the commission shall be
15 appointed by the president of the senate;

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17 (iv) One (1) member of the commission shall be
18 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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20 (b) The commission shall meet at least twice during
21 every term of the legislature to receive all information
22 the commission deems relevant to determine the appropriate
23 salary recommendations to provide to the legislature. The

1 commission shall makes its recommendations as to the
2 appropriate salary to be provided to each official included
3 in subsection (d) of this section to the management council
4 of the legislature and the joint appropriations committee
5 no later than December first of each odd numbered year.

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7 (c) When making recommendations to the management
8 council and the joint appropriations committee for
9 compensation adjustments pursuant to this section, the
10 commission shall consider any factors it considers
11 relevant, including:

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13 (i) The level of compensation necessary to
14 attract individuals qualified to serve to seek nomination
15 for the official positions;

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17 (ii) The percentage average adjustment of
18 salaries provided to executive branch employees since the
19 last adjustment to an official's compensation;

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21 (iii) The percentage change in the Wyoming
22 cost-of-living index published by the economic analysis
23 division of the department of administration and

1 information since the last adjustment to an official's
2 compensation;

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4 (iv) For a member of the legislature, the total
5 compensation necessary to promote a legislature that is
6 representative of the Wyoming electorate as a whole;

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8 (v) For a justice of the supreme court, district
9 court judge, circuit court judge or district attorney, the
10 average market pay in Wyoming of an attorney qualified to
11 serve in those official positions.

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13 (d) Pursuant to the requirements of the Wyoming
14 constitution and subsection (c) of this section, the
15 commission shall recommend a salary and other compensation
16 adjustments to the management council and the joint
17 appropriations committee for the following officials:

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19 (i) Governor;

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21 (ii) Secretary of state;

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23 (iii) Auditor;

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(v) Superintendent of public instruction;

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(vi) Members of the legislature;

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(vii) Justices of the supreme court;

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(viii) District court judges;

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(ix) Circuit court judges;

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(x) District attorneys.

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(e) The commission shall be staffed by the

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legislative service office with the assistance of the

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governor's office, the supreme court and the department of

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administration and information.

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Section 2. W.S. 28-5-101(d) (intro) is amended to

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read:

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1 **28-5-101. Schedule of compensation, per diem and**
2 **travel expenses.**

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4 (d) Through January 11, 2027 each member of the
5 legislature shall receive one hundred fifty dollars
6 (\$150.00) per day as salary in addition to the mileage rate
7 provided for in this subsection. On and after January 12,
8 2027 each member of the legislature shall receive two
9 hundred thirty dollars (\$230.00) per day as salary in
10 addition to the mileage rate provided for in this
11 subsection. Each member of the legislature may receive the
12 mileage rate provided for in this subsection for the total
13 round trip mileage from Cheyenne to the legislator's home
14 for not more than one (1) trip each week during the period
15 the legislature is in session, provided the legislature is
16 in session for a period of not less than two (2) weeks and
17 the legislator claiming the mileage reimbursement shall
18 submit a verified claim for mileage to the legislative
19 service office. Each member of the legislature shall
20 receive a mileage rate as established by the state auditor
21 to be reflective of the average of all direct and indirect
22 costs of driving a motor vehicle. In establishing the
23 mileage rate the state auditor:

