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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 194

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND SEVERAL PROVISIONS OF THE LAW  
11 CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND SEVERAL PROVISIONS OF THE LAW  
16 CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-2-224 is amended to read as follows:  
24 10-2-224. Compensation for attendance at national or regional  
25 conferences.

26 (a) When the General Assembly is in recess for a period of two (2)  
27 weeks or more, a member of the General Assembly is:

28 (1) Authorized to attend national or regional conferences under  
29 the same conditions as apply to the attendance at the conferences after sine  
30 die adjournment of the General Assembly; and

31 (2) Entitled to receive reimbursement from the same sources and  
32 under the same conditions for conferences occurring after sine die  
33 adjournment for:

34 (A) Reasonable and necessary expenses for:

35 (i) Travel;

36 (ii) Meals; and



1 (iii) Lodging; and

2 (B) Other authorized expenses.

3 (b)(1) A member of the General Assembly may travel to a national or  
4 regional conference by commercial airplane, private vehicle, or other  
5 approved method of transportation.

6 (2)(A) Reimbursement for out-of-state travel is the lesser rate  
7 of reasonable airfare or the established rate of private car mileage based on  
8 map mileage when driven.

9 (B) Travel authorized by a chair of a legislative  
10 committee shall also be subject to approval by the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

12 (C) When the Speaker of the House of Representatives or  
13 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate provides the written authorization to  
14 travel, the Speaker of the House of Representatives or his or her designee or  
15 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or his or her designee shall  
16 determine the amount of reimbursement in dollars and cents.

17 (3)(A) A member of the General Assembly who prefers to be  
18 reimbursed for travel to a national or regional conference by a mode of  
19 transportation other than private vehicle or commercial airplane shall submit  
20 a request for reimbursement to the Speaker of the House of Representatives or  
21 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in a manner established respectively  
22 by the Speaker of the House or Representatives or the President Pro Tempore  
23 of the Senate.

24 (B) A member of the General Assembly who submits a request  
25 for reimbursement under subdivision of (b)(3)(A) of this section shall be  
26 reimbursed at a rate documented in writing and approved by the Speaker of the  
27 House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-1-402(f), concerning registration as a  
30 lobbyist by a former member of the General Assembly, is amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 (f)(1) A former member of the General Assembly shall not be eligible  
33 to be registered as a lobbyist under § 21-8-601 et seq. until one (1) year  
34 after the expiration of the term of office for which he or she was elected.

35 (2) Subdivision (f)(1) of this section applies to all persons  
36 elected to the General Assembly on or after the effective date of this act.