



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1177

Introduced by: **Representative** Novstrup

1 **An Act to replace the index used to calculate the salaries of members of the**  
 2 **Legislature.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 2-4-2 be AMENDED:**

5 **2-4-2.** The salary of each member of the Legislature is equal to ~~one fifth~~ twenty-  
 6 two percent of the South Dakota median household income for the most recent year for  
 7 which data is available, as reported by the ~~United States Census Current Population~~  
 8 American Community Survey, as conducted by the United States Census Bureau, and  
 9 ascertained and adjusted each year by the State Board of Finance to take effect on the  
 10 first day of January of each year for every regular legislative session. In addition, each  
 11 legislator member shall receive:

- 12 (1) Reimbursement to be paid after the regular legislative session for actual mileage  
 13 or ~~its~~ the equivalent traveled to and from home, not more than once each weekend  
 14 or between days of recess during the ~~regular legislative~~ session, at the rate set  
 15 pursuant to § 3-9-1;
- 16 (2) Expenses of one hundred twenty-three dollars per day for each day of a regular or  
 17 special legislative session as prepaid reimbursement for living expenses, including  
 18 meals and lodging, laundry, cleaning and pressing of clothing, and all other  
 19 uncompensated expenses, as defined in § 2-4-2.1, incident to the performance of  
 20 legislative services, or at the amount fixed for the per diem allowance that is  
 21 authorized by the United States Internal Revenue Service to be excluded from the  
 22 gross income without itemization as of October first each year, whichever of the  
 23 two is greater; and
- 24 (3) Five cents once each regular or special legislative session for every mile of  
 25 necessary travel in going to and returning from the place of meeting of the  
 26 Legislature by the most usual route.

1           For each day's attendance at special sessions, each member, in addition to mileage  
2           and expenses, shall receive a per diem calculated by the director of the Legislative  
3           Research Council equal to the normal daily compensation for the regular session  
4           immediately preceding the special session.