

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 214

Introduced by: The Committee on Appropriations

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a Legislative Compensation Commission to  
2 review legislative salaries.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 2-9 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 There is hereby created a Legislative Compensation Commission composed of ten members  
6 appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council, not more than six of  
7 whom shall be from the same political party. In appointing members to the commission, the  
8 Executive Board shall give consideration to achieving representation from the major geographic  
9 areas of the state and representation from a broad cross section of occupational, professional,  
10 employee, and management interests. A member may receive per diem and expenses in  
11 accordance with membership on an interim committee.

12 Section 2. That chapter 2-9 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

13 The commission shall select a chair. Six members of the commission constitutes a quorum.  
14 The commission may not make any final determination without the concurrence of a majority  
15 of its members appointed and serving on the commission being present.



1       The commission shall be a citizen commission. No member or employee of the legislative,  
2 judicial, or executive branch is eligible for appointment to the commission. The Legislative  
3 Research Council shall provide staff to the commission and is responsible for administration,  
4 budgeting, procurement, and related management functions for the commission. The  
5 commission shall meet prior to the 2019 Legislature and every ten years immediately after the  
6 completion of the federal census.

7       Section 3. That chapter 2-9 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

8       The Legislative Compensation Commission shall:

- 9       (1) Study and formulate recommendations concerning the salary levels for state  
10       legislators;
- 11       (2) Base the study and recommendations upon maintaining a citizen Legislature in the  
12       state but compensating members fairly for their service in order that all persons  
13       would have an opportunity to serve;
- 14       (3) In developing recommendations, consider the salaries of other similar state legislators  
15       and other such factors; and
- 16       (4) Submit to each member of the Legislature, by January 2, 2019, and January second  
17       each year thereafter the completion of the federal census recommendations  
18       concerning changes, if any, which should be made in the compensation for  
19       legislators.