

**House File 2161 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the number of calendar days of per diem  
2 payable to members of the general assembly while serving in  
3 a regular session of a general assembly.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 2.10, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 1. Every member of the general assembly except the presiding  
4 officer of the senate, the speaker of the house, the majority  
5 and minority floor leader of each house, and the president  
6 pro tempore of the senate and speaker pro tempore of the  
7 house shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five thousand  
8 dollars for the year 2007 and subsequent years while serving  
9 as a member of the general assembly. In addition, each such  
10 member shall receive a per diem, as defined in subsection  
11 5, for expenses of office, except travel, for each day the  
12 general assembly is in session commencing with the first day  
13 of a legislative session and ending with the day of final  
14 adjournment of each legislative session as indicated by the  
15 journals of the house and senate, except that if the length  
16 of the first regular session of the general assembly exceeds  
17 one hundred ~~ten~~ calendar days and the second regular session  
18 exceeds ~~one hundred~~ ninety calendar days, the payments  
19 shall be made only for one hundred ~~ten~~ calendar days for  
20 the first session and ~~one hundred~~ ninety calendar days for  
21 the second session. Members from Polk county shall receive  
22 an amount per day equal to three-fourths of the per diem  
23 of the non-Polk county members. Each member shall receive  
24 a three hundred dollar per month allowance for legislative  
25 district constituency postage, travel, telephone costs, and  
26 other expenses. Travel expenses shall be paid at the rate  
27 established by section 8A.363 for actual travel in going to and  
28 returning from the seat of government by the nearest traveled  
29 route for not more than one time per week during a legislative  
30 session unless the general assembly otherwise provides.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill reduces the number of calendar days of per diem  
35 payable to members of the general assembly while serving in a

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1 regular session of a general assembly. Per diem payments are  
2 reduced from 110 to 100 calendar days during a first regular  
3 session and from 100 to 90 calendar days during a second  
4 regular session.