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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Committee on Legislative Modernization
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 13, 2023
Subject: House Bill No. 2448

Summary

House Bill No. 2448 creates the legislative compensations commission and prescribes the membership, powers, and duties of the commission. The legislative compensation commission is empowered to set the rate of compensation for members of the legislature subject to review and possible rejection of such rates of compensation by the legislature. The process specified in the bill shall be repeated every four years.

House Bill No. 2448 specifies that the membership the legislative compensation shall consist of nine members of which eight members are appointed by legislative leadership and one member is appointed by the governor. Two persons to be appointed shall be former members of the legislature. No person appointed can be a current member of the legislature, a current employee of the legislature, or a registered lobbyist. Any member of the commission shall be eligible for reappointment. The first appointments shall be made by September 1, 2023. The first chairperson shall be the member appointed by the speaker. Future appointments of the chairperson shall rotate between the president and the speaker. The commission is charged with:

- (1) Making a comprehensive study of the compensation, salary and retirement benefits of members of the legislature;
- (2) setting the rate of compensation of members of the legislature; and
- (3) making recommendations related to retirement benefits of members of the legislature.

The first legislative compensation commission shall submit such rate of compensation established by the commission prior to December 1, 2023. This rate of compensation established by the commission shall be the rate of compensation for members of the legislature during the four-year period that commences with the legislative session in 2025, unless the legislature in 2024 rejects such rate of compensation by adoption of a concurrent resolution prior to 30 days after the start of the 2024 legislation. House Bill No. 2448 allows the legislature to include a requirement that the compensation commission shall meet again to set another rate of compensation to be submitted to the legislature to review prior to and act according to similar process as the original submission, prior to adjournment sine die. If the legislature rejects the second rate of compensation set by the commission, the rate of compensation prevailing at the time of the previous session shall remain in effect. Under this bill, this process for setting the rate of compensation for members of the legislature shall be repeated every four years.

Members of the legislative compensation commission shall receive compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage, and expenses as nonlegislator members of boards and commissions typically receive according to law.