

1 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and
2 legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative~~
3 ~~Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

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5 Sec. 4. 2 V.S.A. § 651 is amended to read:

6 § 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE HOUSE

7 * * *

8 (e) The Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative
9 Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~.

10 * * *

11 Sec. 5. 2 V.S.A. § 693 is amended to read:

12 § 693. ASSISTANCE

13 (a) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
14 assistance of the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative~~
15 ~~Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

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17 Sec. 6. 2 V.S.A. § 801 is amended to read:

18 § 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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1 (f) The professional and clerical services of the Joint Fiscal Office,~~the~~
2 ~~Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Office of Legislative Counsel shall
3 be available to the Committee.

4 Sec. 6. 2 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

5 § 1001. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

6 * * *

7 (f) Assistance. The Committee shall have assistance from the Office of
8 Legislative Counsel,~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal
9 Office.

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11 Sec. 7. 3 V.S.A. § 23 is amended to read:

12 § 23. THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

13 * * *

14 (e) Staff services. The Commission shall be entitled to staff services of the
15 Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Office of Legislative
16 Counsel,~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

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18 Sec. 8. 3 V.S.A. § 817 is amended to read:

19 § 817. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

20 * * *

1 (b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its
2 duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel
3 ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to
4 govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall
5 consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General
6 Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on
7 Administrative Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and
8 reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing
9 committees under 2 V.S.A. § 23.

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11 Sec. 9. 4 V.S.A. § 4 is amended to read:

12 § 4. JUSTICES

13 * * *

14 (d) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a
15 Justice is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the year
16 preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the Justice has
17 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to
18 continue in office. Whenever a Justice files a declaration under subsection (c)
19 of this section, or notification occurs automatically, the Secretary of State shall
20 notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Office of
21 Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ forthwith.

1 Sec. 10. 4 V.S.A. § 71 is amended to read:

2 § 71. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SUPERIOR JUDGES

3 * * *

4 (c) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a
5 Superior judge is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of
6 the year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the judge has
7 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to
8 continue in office. Whenever a Superior judge files a declaration under
9 subsection (b) of this section or notification occurs automatically, the Secretary
10 of State shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and
11 the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~
12 forthwith.

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14 Sec. 11. 4 V.S.A. § 461 is amended to read:

15 § 461. OFFICE OF MAGISTRATE; JURISDICTION; SELECTION; TERM

16 * * *

17 (c)(1) Terms of office of magistrates, except in the case of an appointment
18 to fill a vacancy or unexpired term, shall be for a term of six years from and
19 including April 1 in the year of the magistrate's appointment or retention. A
20 magistrate shall remain in office until a successor is appointed and qualified,
21 unless sooner removed for cause or unless he or she resigns.

1 * * *

2 (3) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever
3 a magistrate is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the
4 year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the magistrate has
5 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to
6 continue in office. Whenever a magistrate files a declaration under subdivision
7 (2) of this subsection or when notification occurs automatically, the Secretary
8 of State shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and
9 the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~
10 forthwith.

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12 Sec. 12. 4 V.S.A. § 607 is amended read:

13 § 607. JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RETENTION; CREATION

14 * * *

15 (c) The Committee may use the staff and services of the Office of
16 Legislative Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ to, in addition to
17 other duties, obtain information on the performance of a judge or Justice by
18 soliciting comments from members of the Vermont Bar and the public.

19 Sec. 13. 12 V.S.A. § 3 is amended to read:

20 § 3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RULES

21 * * *

1 (b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its
2 duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel
3 ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to
4 govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall
5 consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General
6 Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on Judicial
7 Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement
8 for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under 2
9 V.S.A. § 23.

10 * * *

11 Sec. 14. 19 V.S.A. § 12b is amended to read:

12 § 12B. JOINT TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

13 * * *

14 (b) The Committee shall meet during adjournment for official duties.
15 Meetings shall be convened by the Chair and, when practicable, shall be
16 coordinated with the regular meetings of the Joint Fiscal Committee. Members
17 shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement pursuant to 2 V.S.A. §
18 23. The Committee shall have the assistance of the staff of the Office of
19 Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal
20 Office.

21 * * *

Sec. 14. 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

§ 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION
AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

* * *

(b) During any session of the General Assembly, each member is entitled to receive reimbursement of expenses as set forth in this subsection.

* * *

(2) Meals. Each member shall receive either a meals allowance or reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member shall be presumed to have elected to receive the meals allowance unless the member informs the Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member's election to receive reimbursement of actual meals expenses shall remain in effect through the remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that the member needs to change to the meals allowance due to a change in circumstances or for another compelling reason.

(A) Meals allowance. A member who elects to receive a meals allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for meals determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-

1 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session
2 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

3 (B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive
4 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual
5 amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in
6 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of
7 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) shall not
8 exceed the amount the member would have received for the same week if the
9 member had elected the meals allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this
10 subdivision (2). The member shall provide meal receipts or otherwise
11 substantiate the amounts expended to the Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative
12 ~~Operations~~ in the form and manner prescribed by the ~~Director of Legislative~~
13 ~~Operations~~ Chief Fiscal Officer.

14 (3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or
15 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to
16 have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the
17 Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint
18 Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive
19 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member's election to receive
20 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses shall remain in effect through the
21 remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that

1 the member needs to change to the lodging allowance due to a change in
2 circumstances or for another compelling reason.

3 (A) Lodging allowance. A member who elects to receive a lodging
4 allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for lodging
5 determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-
6 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session
7 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

8 (B) Lodging reimbursement. A member who elects to receive
9 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual
10 amounts expended by the member for lodging for each day that the House in
11 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of
12 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) for each
13 week shall not exceed the amount the member would have received for the
14 same week if the member had elected the lodging allowance pursuant to
15 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3). The member shall provide lodging
16 receipts or otherwise substantiate the amounts expended to the Joint Fiscal
17 ~~Office of Legislative Operations~~ in the form and manner prescribed by the
18 ~~Director of Legislative Operations~~ Chief Fiscal Officer.

19 * * *

20 Sec. 15. REPEALS

21 2 V.S.A. Chapter 16 (Office of Legislative Operations) is repealed.

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2 EFFECTIVE DATE SECTION LANGUAGE:

3 (x) Sections X-Y of this act shall take effect on passage.