



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 45

January 26, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives BAUMGART, GOETSCH, REYNOLDS, NASS, WILDER and OTTE. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

1 **AN ACT to create** 13.123 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** office expenses and
2 postage stamps utilized by members of the legislature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, a sum sufficient appropriation is provided for the operation of the senate and assembly. The statutes do not specifically treat the use of that money for the cost of operating legislative offices.

This bill specifically empowers the joint committee on legislative organization or the committee on organization of either house of the legislature to provide an allowance for the office expenses of each member of the legislature, but stipulates that if any part of the allowance is used to purchase postage stamps, each stamp must be perforated in a design forming the letters "WIS".

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 13.123 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
4 13.123 (4) OFFICE EXPENSES; POSTAGE STAMPS. The joint committee on legislative
5 organization or the committee on organization of either house of the legislature may
6 provide an allowance for each member of the legislature to utilize for office expenses.
7 If any part of the allowance is used to purchase postage stamps, the chief clerk of the

1 house in which the stamps are purchased shall ensure that each stamp is perforated
2 in a design forming the letters "WIS".

3 (END)