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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 714

November 29, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives NASS, LAZICH, POWERS, HUTCHISON, BLACK and BAUMGART. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

1 AN ACT to amend 84.02 (5) (b); and to create 13.123 (4) of the statutes; relating

to: distribution of highway service maps to officers and members of the

legislature and office expenses authorized for members of the legislature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the department of transportation (DOT) periodically publishes highway service (wall) maps. Upon publication of each new edition, DOT must distribute 50 maps to each officer and member of the legislature at state expense. DOT must also provide an unlimited number of additional maps to any officer or member, upon request, at a price fixed by DOT.

Currently, a sum sufficient appropriation is provided for the operation of the senate and assembly. The statutes do not specifically treat the use of the appropriation 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. The bill also provides that DOT shall distribute not more than 10 highway service maps to each officer and member of the legislature, upon request of the officer or member, at state expense. The bill continues to permit any officer or member to request additional maps. If a member requests a quantity of any edition of the maps exceeding 10, DOT must charge the member for the maps exceeding 10 at a price fixed by DOT. Charges are payable from any allowance provided to the member for office expenses.

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:

SECTION 1. 13.123 (4) of the statutes is created to read: 1 $\mathbf{2}$ 13.123 (4) OFFICE EXPENSES. The joint committee on legislative organization or 3 the committee on organization of either house of the legislature may provide an 4 allowance for each member of the legislature to utilize for office expenses. $\mathbf{5}$ **SECTION 2.** 84.02 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read: 6 84.02 (5) (b) Upon publication of the highway service maps, the department 7 shall distribute without charge 50 not more than 10 of these maps to each officer and 8 member of the legislature upon request of the officer or member. Any officer or 9 member of the legislature may request additional highway service maps. The request may be written or oral. The fee for the additional maps shall be the fee set 10 11 by the department under par. (a). If an allowance is provided under s. 13.123 (4), the cost of any additional highway service maps provided to a member of the legislature 1213shall be paid from the allowance. 14(END)

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