

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE LAW  
TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AUTONOMY TO THE LEGISLATURE**

It is enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature Assembled:

**Section 1: All Allowances and Benefits**

Fiscal appropriation of Chapter 1 Section 11 of the Legislative Law which reads: "The salaries and traveling allowances of members of the Legislature and of its officers and employees shall be provided by annual budgetary appropriation" is hereby amended to read:

"The Legislature which consists of two separate Houses shall each submit to the Bureau of the Budget annual estimates of appropriation, expenditure, supplies and services including personnel as well as fund appropriated for retirement benefit necessary for the maintenance and operation of both the Senate and House of Representatives".

And such supplement and deficiency estimates as required from time to time for the same purpose according to law and such estimate shall be included in the National Budget estimate without revision, but subject to any recommendation of the Bureau of the Budget which may be included with the transmittal of the National Budget estimate from the President of Liberia to the Legislatures for action thereon.

**Legislative Accounts**

Upon the passage into law of the National Budget, all appropriation of funds to be expended by the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be disbursed by the Ministry of Finance to the Legislature in four equal quarterly installments, the first such installment to be disbursed at the beginning of the first quarter of the fiscal year after the passage of the Budget and quarterly thereafter. In any event, each installment must be disbursed to the Legislature within 15 days as of the beginning of each quarter.

All of such funds shall be deposited in four distinct and separate accounts which shall be transparently operated and administered by each House under the supervision of the President Pro-Tempore of the Honorable Liberian Senate and the Speaker of the Honorable House of Representatives as class A signature, and in their absence by the designated Presiding Officer as alternate class A. signature and the Comptroller as class B. signature and deputy comptroller as alternate class B signature to the account.

**Audit**

These accounts of the Legislature shall be subject to forensic audit: (a.) Task (b.) Financial (c.) System Audit and shall be subject to the General Auditing Commission upon the request of the Legislature (The Senate and the House of Representatives).

Session 11b of the Legislative law is hereby amended and revised to read as follows:  
The members of the Senate and the House shall receive salaries subject to taxes required by law provided that they shall not be diminished. Allowances and benefits paid to Senators and Representatives shall not be subjected to taxation but may by law be increased but not diminished except under a national program enacted by the Legislature.

Penalty

Non compliance with the provision contained in the session above shall be punishable under article 44 of the 1986 Constitution of the Republic of Liberia. And that the Minister of Finance or any other subordinate/responsible officer(s) shall be held in contempt and may be removed from office during the next Legislative Session.

Sessions. 2.

Effective date of Amendment

1. that effective immediately after the passage of the publication in Hand bill of this Act, this Act shall take effect.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.