STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 16, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. LAWLER, DiPIETRO, MANKTELOW, MONTESANO, J. M. GIGLIO, ANGELINO, BRABENEC, McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to funds allocated to each member of the assembly for the purpose of compensating employees of such member

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 7 of the legislative law, as amended by chapter 506 of the laws of 1960, is amended to read as follows:

The assembly may choose a clerk, a sergeant-at-arms and a stenographer. When an appropriation has been made for the services, temporary or otherwise, of officers and employees of the assembly and their appointment is not otherwise authorized by law, the speaker of the assembly may appoint such officers and employees and fix their compensation, respectively, within the amount provided by appropriation. **Each member of the assembly, regardless of majority or minority status, shall, on an annual basis, be allocated two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of compensating employees and staff of such member.** The majority leader of the assembly may appoint a counsel to majority leader, an assistant counsel to majority leader, a secretary to majority leader, and a clerk to majority leader. The minority leader of the assembly may appoint a counsel to minority leader, a clerk to minority, an assistant clerk to minority, a secretary to minority leader, a clerk to minority leader, an assistant clerk to minority leader, a ways and means minority clerk, two stenographers, a clerk-chauffeur and a messenger to minority. In case of the death or resignation of the clerk of the assembly, or his inability to exercise the powers and/or discharge the duties of said office, notwithstanding any other provisions of law the speaker of the assembly shall appoint an acting clerk or designate the assistant clerk as acting clerk to serve until a clerk is chosen by the assembly to fill the vacancy or until the disability shall cease. The acting clerk so appointed or designated as such shall have and exercise all of the

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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powers of the clerk of the assembly until a clerk has been chosen and has qualified or until the disability shall cease.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.