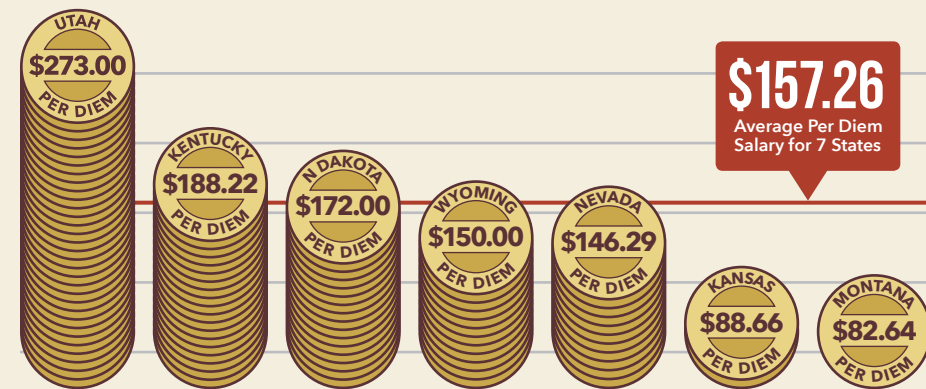


# 2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE SALARIES

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WHEN IT COMES TO COMPARING STATE LEGISLATIVE SALARIES, THERE ARE LOTS OF CAVEATS.

## 7 STATES PAID LEGISLATORS A PER DIEM SALARY

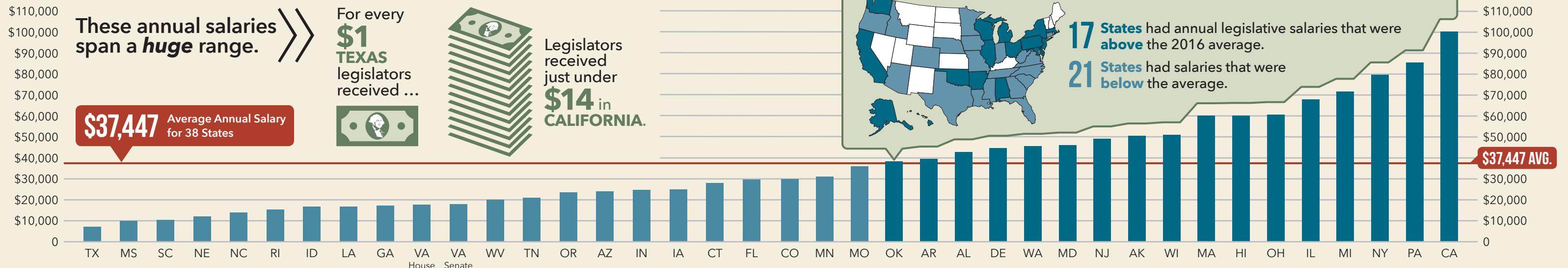


Legislators also received a session per diem to cover expenses. For example, in

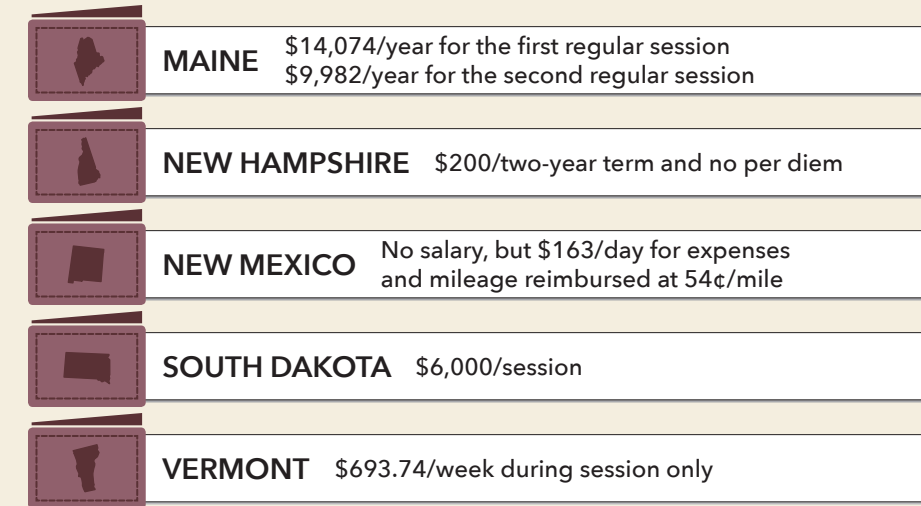
**NORTH DAKOTA** Up to \$1,682/month in lodging vouchers

**UTAH** Up to \$100 + taxes/day for lodging and up to \$39/day for meals

## 38 STATES PAID LEGISLATORS AN ANNUAL SALARY



## 5 STATES PAID LEGISLATORS UNUSUAL OR SESSION-BASED COMPENSATION



THE 2016 ANNUAL SALARIES OF 16 STATE LEGISLATURES WERE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THEIR 2006 ANNUAL SALARIES

ARIZONA	\$24,000
COLORADO	\$30,000
CONNECTICUT	\$28,000
GEORGIA	\$17,342
IOWA	\$25,000
LOUISIANA	\$16,800
MINNESOTA	\$31,141
MISSISSIPPI	\$10,000
NEBRASKA	\$12,000
NEW JERSEY	\$49,000
NEW YORK	\$79,500
NORTH CAROLINA	\$13,951
OKLAHOMA	\$38,400
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$10,400
TEXAS	\$7,200
VIRGINIA	\$18,000 Senate \$17,640 House

## 10 YEARS AGO ...

In 2007, legislators in 39 states earned annual salaries with an average of \$32,697. When adjusted for inflation, that's very close to the average in 2016 (within two percent).

