



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RULE AMENDMENT – TRAVEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF VACATING OFFICE (SECTION 37.4)

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BACKGROUND

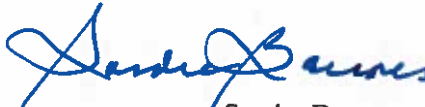
The 2016 Members' Compensation Review Committee (MCRC) made a recommendation regarding travel for the purpose of vacating office which was accepted by the Management Commission at its meeting on March 15, 2017 (CM 2017-029 refers).

Previously, there was no provision in the *Members' Resources & Allowances Rules* (the Rules) to allow Members who are defeated, retiring or resigning to travel to the Capital Region to vacate office. MCRC 2016 reviewed this matter and recommended that Members be permitted travel, accommodation and meal expenses for this purpose. The Committee felt that one day would be a reasonable amount of time to vacate the office, and that expenses should also be covered for the day prior and day after attending at their office. As a result, the following rule amendment was approved:

The *Members' Resources and Allowance Rules* were amended by adding immediately after section 37.3 the following:

37.4 (1) *Where a member retires, is not elected or otherwise vacates his or her office, that member shall vacate his or her office within one day and may be reimbursed for travel costs for that day, the day before and the day after that day.*

(2) *For the purposes of subsection (1), travel costs are not included in the 20 return trips permitted under section 35, 36 or 37 but shall be claimed in the same amounts permitted under those sections.*


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