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Be it so

But, I think you would agree that it is advisable not to reimburse for travel to and from the Helena office moving forward
President Brown

From: Fielder, Jennifer
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It is interesting. This is an example of how strongly the current system favors Helena area residents and presents a significant barrier to otherwise qualified persons who reside outside of Helena from serving in state government -- with the only apparent exceptions being legislators and persons whose designated headquarters are outside of Helena. I wonder how many good people have declined to serve because of this very thing, and whether the legislature has or will ever recognize it and consider lifting the barrier.

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