

HOUSE BILL NO. 181

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to per diem for legislators; relating to a travel allowance for legislators**
2 **and legislative employees; and relating to the State Officers Compensation**
3 **Commission."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 24.10.120(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Salaries, travel allowances, per diem for legislators during legislative
7 sessions, travel expenses, relocation expenses, and additional allowances for members
8 of the legislature shall be paid, subject to appropriation, as approved by the
9 legislative fiscal officer.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.10.130(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) Legislators and officers and employees of the legislative branch of
12 government may be entitled to a travel [PER DIEM] allowance.

13 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.10.130(c) is amended to read:

14 (c) The Alaska Legislative Council shall adopt a policy in accordance with

1 AS 39.23.540(d) regarding reimbursement for moving expenses applicable to all
 2 legislators and **a policy allowing a travel allowance for all legislators and**
 3 **legislative employees** [AN APPLICABLE PER DIEM ALLOWANCE POLICY].
 4 The **policies** [POLICY] must set conditions for the reimbursement for moving
 5 expenses and payment of **travel allowances** [PER DIEM] and prescribe the amounts
 6 of reimbursement adapted to the special needs of the legislative branch as determined
 7 by the council.

8 * **Sec. 4.** AS 24.10.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (d) Legislators may receive a per diem allowance during legislative sessions
 10 as recommended by the State Officers Compensation Commission under
 11 AS 39.23.580, unless disapproved by the legislature as provided in AS 39.23.540(d),
 12 and subject to appropriation as provided in AS 39.23.540(g).

13 * **Sec. 5.** AS 24.20.660 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 24.20.660. Travel allowance [AND PER DIEM ALLOWANCES].**
 15 Members of the Joint Armed Services Committee are entitled to reimbursement for
 16 travel expenses. Members of the committee shall receive **a travel allowance** [PER
 17 DIEM ALLOWANCES] in accordance with the policy adopted by the legislative
 18 council under AS 24.10.130(c).

19 * **Sec. 6.** AS 39.23.580 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 39.23.580. Policy of the legislature.** It is the policy of the legislature that
 21 the commission recommend an equitable rate and form of compensation, **per diem**
 22 **allowances during legislative sessions,** benefits, and **other** allowances for legislators.