



## **CS HB 231 Explanation of Changes**

**Section 1-3:** New sections. These sections relate to reducing the number of commissioners on the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) from three to two and allowing one commissioner to perform the duties of the commission when both commissioners are unavailable. This assures that business can continue during vacancies.

**Section 4:** Modified from original bill. This section maintains the current statutory salary at Range 27 for the commissioner serving as chair, as the chair is expected to perform additional duties and functions. The original bill reduced the chair's salary to a Range 24. The salary range for the second commissioner continues to be reduced from Range 27 to 24, as in the original bill.

**Section 5:** No change (previously Section 2). Section removes commissioner employees from exempt service.

**Section 6-7:** New sections. These sections relate to section 1, which reduced commissioners to two. These new sections deal with tie votes and hearings.

**Section 8:** No change (previously Section 3). This section matches Section 5 related to removing employees from exempt service.

**Section 9:** No change (previously Section 4). Protects employees from having their pay lowered when moving from exempt to classified services, while holding pay at that rate until the employee earns the next classified rate of pay.

**Section 10:** New section. Because a commissioner's salary cannot be reduced during the term of their appointment, this section clarifies that commissioners serving before this bill goes into effect will not be impacted during that term. Commissioners appointed or reappointed after the bill's effective date will be compensated as outlined in this bill.

**Section 11:** No change (previously Section 5). Sets effective date as immediate.