

Alaska House of Representatives

33RD ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

HB 140

(33-LS0692\A)

"An Act relating to the State Officers Compensation Commission; and relating to policies of the Alaska Legislative Council regarding allowances and reimbursement for moving expenses."

The goal of HB 140 was not to institute sweeping changes to the statute, but otherwise update and refine them with an eye to protecting and maximizing public transparency, de-politicizing the actions or lack of actions taken by the Legislature in responding to specific recommendations and allowing the commission adequate time to complete their work and the Legislature adequate time to thoughtfully deliberate on those recommendations.

After conferring with several different parties who were directly involved in the recommendations or were otherwise involved in the process, it became apparent that there were several changes needed to the statutes governing the Alaska State Officers Compensation Commission (ASOCC) and the work they are tasked with.

Among other things, HB 140 expands the amount of time ASOCC has to make recommendations and the amount of time the Legislature has to respond and dictates that changes to legislative salaries go into effect only after an intervening election cycle.