

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."

SECTION 1 & 2 – Sections 1 & 2 codify existing practice that the Legislative Council is responsible for establishing annual allowances, including per diem and relocation expenses.

SECTION 3 – Section 3 establishes a new section in the statute articulates the policy and purpose of the commission to “attract and retain talented, capable individuals to serve in the highest leadership roles of the state”.

SECTION 4 – Section 4 stipulates that ASOCC will review and make salary recommendations ONLY once every two years.

SECTION 5 – Section 5 does two things. First it starts the process two weeks earlier than current statute (from November 15th to November 1st); and secondly it structures the two-year cycle so that there will be an intervening election between when the recommendations are made by the commission and when those recommendations go into effect for the Legislature.

SECTION 6 – Section 6 also does three things. It expands the amount of time the Commission has to submit their recommendations to the Legislature, expands the amount of time the Legislature has to act in response to the recommendations, and stipulates that salary recommendations for the Legislature can only go into effect at the start of a new Legislature.

SECTION 7 – Finally, section 7 provides greater clarity about the amendment process, by providing clean-up language, creating a specific deadline for amendments to be submitted and expressly providing that an amended report does not reset the timeline by which the legislature must act.