

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sectional Analysis

Senate Bill 81 am Version B.A

Office of Victims' Rights: Compensation

Section 1 was added to the original bill via an amendment on the Senate floor. This section removes the requirement that the Legislature confirm the victims' advocate by a roll call vote in a joint session. This section creates a process where each body is individually and independently able to ratify the appointment of the nominee through a 2/3 vote without having a joint session.

Section 2 was in the original bill. This section amends AS 24.65.060, which sets the salary range for the victims' advocate, to add the new subsection (l) under AS 39.27.011 created by the passage of HB 226 in 2022. That new subsection reads:

(l) The amounts set out in the salary schedule contained in (a) of this section are increased by 15 percent for positions within the Department of Law, the public defender agency, and the office of public advocacy that require admission to the practice of law in this state as a condition of employment, positions in the division of legal and research services within the Legislative Affairs Agency and any nonunion positions in the executive branch that require admission to the practice of law in this state as a condition of employment, and the chief administrative law judge and administrative law judges of the office of administrative hearings under AS 39.25.120(c)(20).

Section 3 was added to the original bill via an amendment on the Senate floor. This section adds a provision that gives the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House the

authority to jointly appoint an acting victims' advocate if the victims' advocate is not available to appoint an acting victims' advocate or if the legislature is unable to ratify one during the legislative session.

Section 4 was in the original bill. This section amends AS 24.65.070(c) to place OVR staff attorneys on the new salary schedule under AS 39.27.011(a) and (l) created by the implementation of HB 226.

Section 5 was in the original bill. This section makes the Act effective immediately under AS 01.10.070(c), which says, "The actual effective date and time of an Act having an immediate-effective-date provision is 12:01 a.m., Alaska Standard Time, on the day after it is signed by the governor or on the day after the governor's veto is overridden or on the day after expiration of the period allowed for gubernatorial action by art. II, Sec. 17 of the Alaska Constitution."