

SENATE BILL NO. 147

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 3/21/97

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to a retirement benefit for the surviving widow or widower or
2 surviving divorced spouse of a governor or lieutenant governor of the state; and
3 providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 39.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 39.35.383. Benefits for certain surviving widows or widowers or**
7 **surviving divorced spouses of governors or lieutenant governors.** (a) An
8 individual who was married to a governor or lieutenant governor of this state during
9 the governor's or lieutenant governor's term of office who meets the qualifications of
10 this section is entitled to a benefit under this section in the amount of \$1,000 per
11 month.

12 (b) To be entitled to a benefit under this section,

13 (1) the individual must have been married to a governor or lieutenant
14 governor of this state during the governor's or lieutenant governor's term of office;

1 (2) the governor or lieutenant governor to whom the individual was
2 married must have died;

3 (3) the individual must have reached 60 years of age;

4 (4) the individual may not be married at the time of collecting a benefit
5 under this section;

6 (5) the individual may not be employed in a position covered by a state
7 retirement system;

8 (6) the individual may not be entitled to another benefit under this
9 chapter; and

10 (7) the individual may not be entitled to a benefit under a state
11 retirement system other than this system.

12 (c) Eligibility for a benefit under this section terminates when the individual
13 becomes eligible for a benefit under a state retirement system, remarries, or dies.

14 (d) Receipt of a benefit under this section does not entitle the individual to a
15 post-retirement pension adjustment under AS 39.35.475 or a cost-of-living allowance
16 under AS 39.35.480. An individual receiving a benefit under this section may elect
17 major medical insurance coverage under AS 39.35.535, but the individual must pay an
18 amount equal to the full monthly group premium for retiree major medical insurance
19 coverage regardless of the individual's age and regardless of whether the individual is
20 disabled.

21 (e) In this section, "state retirement system" means the teachers' retirement
22 system under AS 14.25, the optional university retirement system under AS 14.40.661
23 - 14.40.799, the judicial retirement system under AS 22.25, the public employees'
24 retirement system under this chapter, or the elected public officers' retirement system
25 under former AS 39.37.

26 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).