

SENATE BILL NO. 143

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI

Introduced: 1/19/16

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the salary and per diem of members of the legislature."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 24.10.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (b) Unless, within the first 90 consecutive days of a regular legislative session,
5 including the day the legislature first convenes in that regular session, a bill has been
6 passed by the legislature that fully funds an operating budget, a member of the
7 legislature is not eligible for a salary after that 90-day period until the first day after a
8 bill has been passed by the legislature that fully funds an operating budget, or the first
9 day of the next regular legislative session, whichever occurs earlier. In this subsection,
10 "passed by the legislature" has the meaning given in AS 01.10.070.

11 *** Sec. 2.** AS 24.10.130(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) Legislators and officers and employees of the legislative branch of
13 government may be entitled to a per diem allowance; **however, if a bill that fully**
14 **funds an operating budget has not, within the first 90 consecutive days of a**
15 **regular legislative session, including the day the legislature first convenes in that**

1 regular session, been passed by the legislature, a member of the legislature is not
 2 entitled to a daily per diem allowance for a day the legislature is in session after
 3 that 90-day period until the first day after a bill that fully funds an operating
 4 budget is passed by the legislature or the first day of the next regular legislative
 5 session, whichever occurs earlier. In this subsection, "passed by the legislature"
 6 has the meaning given in AS 01.10.070.

7 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.10.130(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) The Alaska Legislative Council shall adopt a policy in accordance with **(b)**
 9 **of this section and** AS 39.23.540(d) regarding reimbursement for moving expenses
 10 [APPLICABLE TO ALL LEGISLATORS] and **payment of a** [AN APPLICABLE]
 11 per diem allowance [POLICY]. The policy **must apply to all members of the**
 12 **legislature equally and** must set conditions for the reimbursement for moving
 13 expenses and payment of per diem and prescribe the amounts of reimbursement
 14 adapted to the special needs of the legislative branch as determined by the council.

15 * **Sec. 4.** AS 39.23.540(d) is amended to read:

16 (d) The commission shall make available to the governor and presiding
 17 officers of each house of the legislature a final report of its findings and
 18 recommendations as to the rate and form of compensation, benefits, and allowances
 19 for legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each principal executive
 20 department head during the first 10 days of a legislative session. Subject to
 21 **AS 24.10.100(b), 24.10.130(b), and** (g) of this section, and unless a bill disapproving
 22 all the recommendations for all officers listed in this section is enacted into law within
 23 60 days after the recommendations are submitted to the governor and presiding
 24 officers of each house of the legislature, a recommendation as to the compensation,
 25 benefits, and allowances for

26 (1) a legislator has the force of law and becomes effective on the first
 27 day of the next regular legislative session; and

28 (2) the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each principal executive
 29 department head has the force of law and becomes effective on the first day of the
 30 fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the recommendation is submitted.