

**HOUSE BILL NO. 241**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

Introduced: 5/3/17

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the per diem of members of the legislature; and providing for an  
2 effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 24.10.130(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) Legislators and officers and employees of the legislative branch of  
6 government may be entitled to a per diem allowance; however, if a bill that fully  
7 funds an operating budget has not, within the first 90 consecutive days of a  
8 regular legislative session, including the day the legislature first convenes in that  
9 regular session, been passed by the legislature, a member of the legislature is not  
10 entitled to a daily per diem allowance for a day the legislature is in session after  
11 that 90-day period until the first day after a bill that fully funds an operating  
12 budget is passed by the legislature or the first day of the next regular legislative  
13 session, whichever occurs earlier. In this subsection, "passed by the legislature"  
14 has the meaning given in AS 01.10.070.

1 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.10.130(c) is amended to read:

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

9 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 39.23.540(d) is amended to read:

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

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

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

25 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect January 10, 2018.