

HOUSE BILL NO. 140

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 3/27/23

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the State Officers Compensation Commission; and relating to
2 policies of the Alaska Legislative Council regarding allowances and reimbursement for
3 moving expenses."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 24.10.110 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 24.10.110. Additional allowances. The Alaska Legislative Council**
7 **shall adopt a policy entitling a** [IN ADDITION, EACH] member of the legislature
8 [IS ENTITLED] to an annual allowance [PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
9 AS 39.23] for postage, stationery, stenographic services, and other expenses.

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

11 (c) The Alaska Legislative Council shall adopt a policy in accordance with (b)
12 of this section [AND AS 39.23.540(d)] regarding reimbursement for moving expenses
13 and payment of a per diem allowance. The policy must set conditions for the
14 reimbursement for moving expenses and payment of per diem and prescribe the

1 amounts of reimbursement adapted to the special needs of the legislative branch as
2 determined by the council.

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 39.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 39.23.535. Policy and purpose.** The commission shall recommend an
5 equitable rate and form of compensation for members of the legislature, the governor,
6 the lieutenant governor, and each principal department head to attract and retain
7 talented, capable individuals to serve in the highest leadership roles of the state, roles
8 that guide the state's prosperity and welfare today and into the future.

9 * **Sec. 4.** AS 39.23.540(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The commission shall review the salaries, benefits, and allowances of
11 members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each principal
12 executive department head and prepare a report on its findings [AT LEAST] once
13 every two years [, BUT NOT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY YEAR]. The
14 commission shall notify the legislature that the report is available.

15 * **Sec. 5.** AS 39.23.540(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) By November **1 of every odd-numbered year** [15], the commission shall
17 prepare its preliminary findings and recommendations for compensation of state
18 officers that is reasonable and equitable. The commission shall give reasonable public
19 notice of its preliminary findings and recommendations, solicit public comments, and
20 give due regard to the public comments [,] before submitting a final report under (d) of
21 this section.

22 * **Sec. 6.** AS 39.23.540(d) is amended to read:

23 (d) The commission shall make available to the governor and presiding
24 officers of each house of the legislature a final report of its findings and
25 recommendations as to the rate and form of compensation, benefits, and allowances
26 for legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each principal executive
27 department head during the first **30** [10] days of a legislative session. Subject to
28 AS 24.10.130(b) and (g) of this section, and unless a bill disapproving all the
29 recommendations for all officers listed in this section is enacted into law within **90**
30 [60] days after the recommendations are submitted to the governor and presiding
31 officers of each house of the legislature, a recommendation as to the compensation,

1 benefits, and allowances for

2 (1) a legislator has the force of law and becomes effective on the first
3 day of the next **legislature** [REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION]; and

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

7 * **Sec. 7.** AS 39.23.540(e) is amended to read:

8 (e) The commission may **amend** [PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO] the report
9 submitted under (d) of this section **on or before March 15** and **shall** notify the
10 **governor and the presiding officer of each house of the** legislature that the
11 **amended report is** [AMENDMENTS ARE] available. **An amended report under**
12 **this subsection does not change the time for disapproval by the legislature under**
13 **(d) of this section.**