

**HOUSE BILL NO. 84**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES STAPP, Coulombe**

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**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 39.23.500(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) The commission shall meet at the call of the chair. Notice of a meeting  
5 shall be mailed to each member at least 20 days before the date scheduled for the  
6 meeting **and posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System at least five days**  
7 **before the date scheduled for the meeting.**

8 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 39.23.500(d) is amended to read:

9 (d) The commission shall meet **at least twice** to discuss **the** [ITS] findings and  
10 recommendations **contained in** [AT LEAST TWICE BEFORE SUBMITTING] its  
11 final **reports or amended reports before submitting the reports** [REPORT] to the  
12 presiding officers of each house of the legislature and the governor.

13 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 39.23.500 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 (f) An action taken contrary to the notice or meeting requirements of (c) and  
15 (d) of this section is voidable under AS 44.62.310(f).

16 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 39.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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

22 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 39.23.540(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) The commission shall review the salaries, benefits, and allowances of  
24 members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each principal  
25 executive department head and prepare **reports** [A REPORT] on its findings [AT  
26 LEAST] once every two years [, BUT NOT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY  
27 YEAR]. The commission shall notify the legislature that the **reports are** [REPORT  
28 IS] available.

29 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 39.23.540(c) is amended to read:

30 (c) By November **1 of every odd-numbered year** [15], the commission shall  
31 prepare its preliminary findings and recommendations for compensation of state

1 officers that is reasonable and equitable. The commission shall give reasonable public  
 2 notice of its preliminary findings and recommendations, solicit public comments, and  
 3 give due regard to the public comments [,] before submitting **the final reports** [A  
 4 FINAL REPORT] under (d) of this section.

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

6 (d) The commission shall make available to the governor and presiding  
 7 officers of each house of the legislature **two final reports** [A FINAL REPORT] of its  
 8 findings and recommendations, **one report** as to the rate and form of compensation,  
 9 benefits, and allowances for legislators, **and one report as to the rate and form of**  
 10 **compensation, benefits, and allowances for** the governor, the lieutenant governor,  
 11 and each principal executive department head, during the first **15** [10] days of a  
 12 legislative session. Subject to AS 24.10.130(b) and (g) of this section, and unless a bill  
 13 disapproving all the recommendations for all officers listed in **a report** [THIS  
 14 SECTION] is enacted into law within **75** [60] days after the recommendations are  
 15 submitted to the governor and presiding officers of each house of the legislature, a  
 16 recommendation as to the compensation, benefits, and allowances for

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

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

22 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 39.23.540(e) is amended to read:

23 (e) The commission may **amend a** [PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO THE]  
 24 report submitted under (d) of this section **on or before March 15** and **shall** notify the  
 25 **governor and the presiding officer of each house of the** legislature that the  
 26 **amended report is** [AMENDMENTS ARE] available. **An amended report under**  
 27 **this subsection does not change the time for disapproval by the legislature under**  
 28 **(d) of this section.**

29 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 39.23.540(g) is amended to read:

30 (g) A recommendation **in a final report** under this section increasing the  
 31 compensation, benefits, and allowances of a public officer is not effective unless all

1 recommended increases included in that [THE FINAL] report [UNDER (d) OF THIS  
2 SECTION] are fully funded by appropriations.