

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 SENATE BILL NO. 323

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to revisions of the law on
7 legislative operation and services involving
8 expenditures and expenditure controls; and
9 providing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. AS 24.05 is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 Sec. 24.05.175. LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION. On the after-
14 noon of the day before the first session of a legislature
15 convenes the legislative council shall hold an orientation
16 session in the house chamber for new and returning members of
17 the legislature. The council shall solicit the assistance of
18 returning legislators and representatives of the executive
19 and judicial branches in developing and presenting the
20 orientation program. The program may include but need not be
21 limited to an explanation of the uniform rules, legislative
22 procedure, organization and operation of the three branches
23 of government, and administrative matters. Members signing
24 the orientation roll call are entitled to per diem for
25 attendance at the orientation session.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 24.05.210 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

27 Sec. 24.05.210. LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND
28 EXPENDITURES. (a) The estimate of the general operating
29 expenses of the legislative branch shall be included in the

1 budget submitted to the finance committees by the legislative
2 council with information copies to the governor at the time
3 the executive budget is being prepared. The legislative audit
4 committee shall follow the same procedure in preparing the
5 estimate of its expenses.

6 (b) Consistent with the constitutional separation of
7 powers the money appropriated by law for the operation of the
8 legislature and its agencies is disbursed on vouchers signed
9 by bonded certifying officers of the legislature. This certi-
10 fication is the final requirement for payment or disbursement.

11 (c) The books and records of the legislature shall be
12 audited annually by a competent private firm selected by the
13 legislative audit committee and a copy of the audit report is
14 to be sent to the governor. The books and records of a fiscal
15 nature are public records and subject to examination at any
16 time.

17 * Sec. 3. AS 24.10.040 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

18 Sec. 24.10.040. LEGAL COUNSEL. The legislature may
19 budget for the hiring of independent legal counsel to advise
20 the majority and minority of each house on a contractual
21 basis during legislative sessions. Money appropriated for
22 this purpose shall be apportioned equally between the houses
23 and between the party caucuses and the selection of each
24 counsel is the sole responsibility of the majority and
25 minority caucuses respectively. A counsel is hired on a
26 contractual basis, he must be admitted to practice law in
27 Alaska, and is responsible to the majority or minority group
28 appointing him. The majority and minority leaders shall
29 advise the legislative certifying officer in writing of the

1 appointment and termination of legal counsel and countersign
2 claims submitted by counsel for payment for his services
3 within the limit of money made available for this contractual
4 service.

5 * Sec. 4. AS 24.15.050 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

6 Sec. 24.15.050. TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE. (a) Each
7 member of the legislature for the purpose of coming from his
8 home and returning to his home from the capital for the
9 purpose of attending a regular or special session is entitled
10 to receive a sum of money equal to the published air tariff
11 for a round trip from his home to the capital. In addition,
12 for the purpose of coming to and returning from a session,
13 each member is entitled to an amount of money equal to the
14 cost of transporting 200 pounds of excess baggage by air from
15 his home to the capital and return. The transportation and
16 excess baggage allowances may be paid in advance of a session
17 to a member requesting it.

18 (b) Each member of the legislature in attendance during
19 a session is entitled to receive a state transportation re-
20 quest form for a round trip from the capital to his home and
21 return for each 30 calendar days of a regular session in
22 order that he may advise with his constituents on pending
23 legislation. This allowance is payable only for full 30-day
24 periods.

25 (c) In addition to the session travel authorized by (a)
26 and (b) of this section, a member of an interim committee or
27 a legislator authorized by the legislature or either house of
28 the legislature to travel is entitled to the use of a state
29 transportation request form issued to him by a legislative

1 certifying officer or he may elect to make claim in advance
2 for the equivalent of the published tariffs for the author-
3 ized trip.

4 (d) For each day or fraction of a day of travel to and
5 from sessions and for other travel time required on official
6 legislative business a member is entitled upon signing of a
7 claim voucher to the regular legislator per diem.

8 (e) This section governs all travel and per diem for
9 members of the legislature traveling on legislative business.
10 Legislator travel and per diem authorized by this section are
11 not governed by AS 39.20.180.

12 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1966.

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