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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 83

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to revisions of the law on legisla-
7 tive operation and services involving expenditures
8 and expenditure controls; and providing for an
9 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 read:

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

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 AS 24.05.210 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

25 Sec. 24.05.210. LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

26 (a) The estimate of the general operating expenses of the legislative
27 branch shall be included in the budget submitted to the finance
28 committee by the legislative council with information copies to the
29 governor at the time the executive budget is being prepared. The

1 legislative audit committee shall follow the same procedure in pre-
2 paring the estimate of its expenses.

3 (b) Consistent with the constitutional separation of powers
4 the money appropriated by law for the operation of the legislature
5 and its agencies is disbursed on vouchers signed by bonded certifying
6 officers of the legislature. This certification is the final
7 requirement for payment or disbursement.

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

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 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

14 Sec. 24.10.040. LEGAL COUNSEL. The legislature may budget
15 for the hiring of independent legal counsel to advise the majority
16 and minority of each house on a contractual basis during legislative
17 sessions. Money appropriated for this purpose shall be apportioned
18 equally between the houses and between the party caucuses and the
19 selection of each counsel is the sole responsibility of the majority
20 and minority caucuses respectively. A counsel is hired on a con-
21 tractual basis, he must be admitted to practice law in Alaska, and
22 is responsible to the majority or minority group appointing him.
23 The majority and minority leaders shall advise the legislative
24 certifying officer in writing of the appointment and termination of
25 legal counsel and countersign claims submitted by counsel for payment
26 for his services within the limit of money made available for this
27 contractual service.

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

29 Sec. 24.15.050. TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE. (a) Each member of

1 the legislature for the purpose of coming from his home and returning
2 to his home from the capital for the purpose of attending a regular
3 or special session is entitled to receive a sum of money equal to
4 the published air tariff for a round trip from his home to the capi-
5 tal. In addition, for the purpose of coming to and returning from
6 a session, each member is entitled to an amount of money equal to
7 the cost of transporting 200 pounds of excess baggage by air from
8 his home to the capital and return. The transportation and excess
9 baggage allowances may be paid in advance of a session to a member
10 requesting it.

11 (b) Each member of the legislature in attendance during a
12 session is entitled to receive a state transportation request form
13 for a round trip from the capital to his home and return for each
14 30 calendar days of a regular session in order that he may advise
15 with his constituents on pending legislation. The transportation
16 request form is issued to a member upon his request, is issued only
17 for each 30 full days of the session, and must be used by the member
18 within 10 days its issuance. A transportation request form issued
19 under this subsection may be used only during the session in which
20 it was issued.

21 (c) In addition to the session travel authorized by (a) and (b)
22 of this section, a member of an interim committee or a legislator
23 authorized by the legislature or either house of the legislature to
24 travel is entitled to the use of a state transportation request form
25 issued to him by a legislative certifying officer or he may elect
26 to make claim in advance for the equivalent of the published tariffs
27 for the authorized trip.

28 (d) For each day or fraction of a day of travel to and from
29 sessions and for other travel time required on official legislative

business a member is entitled upon signing of a claim voucher to the regular legislator per diem.

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

* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1967.