

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 485

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Alaska Commission on Judicial,  
7 Legislative and Executive Remuneration; and providing  
8 for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 11A. ALASKA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL, LEGISLATIVE  
12 AND EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION.

13 Sec. 44.19.892. CREATION OF COMMISSION; MEMBERSHIP. (a) There  
14 is established in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Commission on  
15 Judicial, Legislative and Executive Remuneration.

16 (b) The commission is composed of nine members appointed as  
17 follows:

18 (1) three appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be  
19 designated chairman by the governor, and not more than two of whom  
20 may be of the same political party;

21 (2) two appointed by the president of the senate, each from  
22 a different political party;

23 (3) two appointed by the speaker of the house, each from a  
24 different political party;

25 (4) two appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court,  
26 each from a different political party.

27 (c) No person may serve on the commission while he is employed  
28 by the state government.

29 (d) A vacancy in the membership is filled in the manner in which

1 the original appointment was made.

2 Sec. 44.19.893. TERMS OF OFFICE. (a) The terms of office of  
3 persons appointed as members of the commission are for one year be-  
4 ginning on February 15 of each year in which a commission is appointed.

5 (b) The members of the first commission shall be appointed on  
6 February 15, 1970, and shall serve for one year. New members shall  
7 be appointed every fourth year after that, and shall serve for one  
8 year.

9 Sec. 44.19.894. COMPENSATION. The members of the commission are  
10 authorized the same per diem and travel allowances as provided by law  
11 for members of other boards and commissions.

12 Sec. 44.19.895. DUTIES. For the purpose of determining appropri-  
13 ate remuneration levels, each commission shall conduct a review of the  
14 rates of remuneration of

- 15 (1) legislators;  
16 (2) justices and judges of all courts; and  
17 (3) the governor, secretary of state, commissioners and  
18 deputy commissioners of the principal administrative departments,  
19 and directors of the major divisions of these departments.

20 Sec. 44.19.896. COMMISSION REPORT. The commission shall submit  
21 to the governor a report of the results of each review, together with  
22 the recommendations of the commission. The reports shall be submitted  
23 on November 10, next following the appointment of a commission.

24 Sec. 44.19.897. GOVERNOR'S REPORT. (a) The governor may make  
25 any amendments to the commission report he considers advisable, and  
26 shall within 20 days after receipt of the report make the final  
27 amended report public.

28 (b) Unless the legislature within 30 days after convening disap-  
29 proves the governor's report by a concurrent resolution, the remuneration

1 rates in the report shall supersede all provisions of law establishing  
2 pay rates for the persons covered in the report, and shall become  
3 effective at the beginning of the fiscal year next following the report.

4 (c) The legislature may amend, at any time, pay rates for persons  
5 covered in the governor's report. However, any amendment will be  
6 superseded by a governor's report which the legislature subsequently  
7 fails to disapprove within the time allowed.

8 (d) Governor's reports submitted to but not disapproved by the  
9 legislature shall be published in the bound session laws and any  
10 codification of state law.

11 Sec. 44.19.898. POWERS. The commission has the authority to

12 (1) hire or contract for the services of administrative staff  
13 as may be necessary to the commission's function;

14 (2) require the cooperation and assistance of the departments  
15 and agencies of the state in relation to a matter before the commission.

16 Sec. 44.19.899. DEFINITION. In secs. 892 - 898 of this chapter,  
17 "commission" means the Alaska Commission on Judicial, Legislative and  
18 Executive Remuneration.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.25.120(1) is amended to read:

20 (1) deputy [ASSISTANT] commissioners of the principal  
21 departments of the executive branch except as to compensation according  
22 to the pay plan;

23 \* Sec. 3. AS 39.25.120(2) is amended to read:

24 (2) those directors of the major divisions of the principal  
25 departments of the executive branch as are specifically designated by  
26 the governor, except as to compensation according to the pay plan;

27 \* Sec. 4. AS 24.15.020, 22.05.140(a), 22.10.190(a), 22.15.220(a),  
28 22.25.020, 39.20.010, 39.20.030 and 39.20.080 are repealed.

29 \* Sec. 5. Sec. 1 of this Act takes effect on the day after its passage

1 and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.

2 \* Sec. 6. Secs. 2, 3 and 4 of this Act take effect July 1, 1971.

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