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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 422

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a comprehensive cost-of-living  
7 and price analysis survey; and providing for an  
8 effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 39.27.030 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

11 Sec. 39.27.030. COST-OF-LIVING AND PRICE ANALYSIS SURVEY. (a) The  
12 Labor Relations Agency shall conduct an annual cost-of-living and price  
13 analysis survey in the manner prescribed by secs. 30 - 45 of this  
14 chapter. The agency may contract with independent groups to perform all  
15 or part of the duties required by secs. 30 - 45 of this chapter.

16 (b) The agency shall, by employing Bureau of Labor Statistics,  
17 United States Department of Labor methodology, conduct a cost-of-living  
18 survey for each election district in the state. This survey shall  
19 reflect the increases or decreases of the cost-of-living in each election  
20 district by employing the current base year established by the Bureau  
21 of Labor Statistics for Anchorage, Alaska. The agency may cooperate and  
22 contract with other state agencies, federally funded study groups and  
23 agencies, and independent groups to provide and receive data and analy-  
24 sis relating to cost-of-living and price analysis surveys. These  
25 surveys shall be made available to the public at nominal cost and  
26 annually submitted to the governor and other public employers in the  
27 state subject to the Public Employment Regulations Act (AS 23.40) no  
28 later than October 1 of each year. Submission to the legislature shall  
29 be within 10 days of the convening of each regular session.

1 (c) The agency, in compiling the survey provided for in (a) of  
2 this section, shall reflect the competitive position of public employees;  
3 first, by comparing public employees' salary levels with the salary  
4 levels of comparable classes in private industry, federal employment in  
5 the state, and employment in other states constituting the prime re-  
6 cruiting areas, using "bench-mark" classes based on the principle of  
7 like pay for like work, from as many employment categories as is necessary  
8 to reflect accurately the competitive position of public employee salary  
9 levels with those of other employees mentioned in this subsection; and  
10 secondly, by comparing fringe benefits in public employment service with  
11 federal employment in the state, other major employment throughout the  
12 state, and in states constituting prime recruiting areas for public  
employees in this state.

14 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.27.035 and AS 39.27.040 are repealed.

15 \* Sec. 3. AS 39.27.045 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

16 Sec. 39.27.045. DEFINITIONS. In sec. 30 of this chapter

17 (1) "agency" or "labor relations agency" means the labor  
18 relations agency for state employees in the Public Employment Relations  
19 Act (AS 23.40);

20 (2) "election district" means election districts as of  
21 January 1, 1971;

22 (3) "public employee" or "public employment" means those  
23 employees coming under the provisions of the Public Employment Relations  
24 Act (AS 23.40).

25 \* Sec. 4. The cost-of-living survey conducted under AS 39.27.030(b) shall  
26 continue to be conducted by election districts as defined by AS 39.27.045(2)  
27 until the Labor Relations Agency determines more appropriate state salary  
28 districts. A change, if any, in salary districts may be submitted by the  
29 agency to any legislature, no later than 10 days after that legislature

1 convenes. The legislature may, by concurrent resolution, reject the pro-  
2 posed salary districts if acted upon within 45 days of their submission,  
3 otherwise the new proposal becomes effective. If the legislature rejects the  
4 proposal, AS 39.27.045(2) remains in effect. If the new proposal is per-  
5 mitted to become law, it constitutes an amendment to AS 39.27.045(2) and the  
6 revisor of statutes shall incorporate the amendment into that section and  
7 change references to "election districts" in AS 39.27.030 - 39.27.045 to  
8 "state salary districts".

9 \* Sec. 5. The first cost-of-living and price analysis survey under  
10 AS 39.27.030 is due October 1, 1974.

11 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval  
12 or on the day it becomes law without approval.

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