

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THOMAS

2 SENATE BILL NO. 9

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 legislative compensation; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 24.15 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 24.15.011. COMMISSION ON LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION. (a)

11 The Commission on Legislative Compensation is created.

12 (b) The commission consists of three members chosen from the
13 general public, one of whom is appointed by the governor and one each
14 of whom is appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of
15 the house.

16 (c) The term of office for commission members is for two years
17 from the date of their respective appointments; a commission member may
18 be reappointed for successive terms.

19 (d) Vacancies in office are filled in the same manner as
20 original appointments.

21 (e) Commission members serve without compensation but are entitled
22 to travel expenses and per diem as provided by law for other boards and
23 commissions.

24 Sec. 24.15.021. DUTIES. (a) The commission shall select a
25 chairman from among its members.

26 (b) The commission shall conduct an ongoing review of legislative
27 compensation to determine its appropriateness and shall submit its
28 recommendations to the lieutenant governor no later than 90 days before
29 each general election.

1 Sec. 24.15.031. RATIFICATION BY ELECTORATE. (a) The lieutenant
2 governor shall place on each general election ballot the question:
3 "Shall the recommendations of the Commission on Legislative Compensation
4 be accepted? Yes [] No []." A brief synopsis setting out the
5 recommendations and changes made in existing compensation shall precede
6 the ballot question.

7 (b) Recommendations ratified by a majority of the qualified voters
8 casting ballots on the question in a general election become effective
9 at the beginning of the next regular session of the legislature.

10 * Sec. 2. AS 24.15.010, 24.15.020 and 24.15.030 are repealed.

11 * Sec. 3. Sec. 1 of this Act takes effect on the day after its passage
12 and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval. Sec. 2 of this
13 Act takes effect on the effective date of the first recommendation ratified
14 under AS 24.15.031.