

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to legislative pay and allowances;  
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 39.23.060 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 39.23.060. REVIEW OF COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS; OFFICERS  
11 COVERED. The commission shall conduct an on-going review of compensa-  
12 tion and retirement benefits for [MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE;] the  
13 governor; the lieutenant governor; commissioners, deputy commissioners,  
14 and division directors of each executive department; members of the  
15 Alaska Public Utilities Commission; members of the Alaska Pipeline  
16 Commission; members of the Alaska Transportation Commission; members of  
17 the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission; and the judiciary, to  
18 determine the appropriateness of compensation and benefits.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 24.15.010(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) For each day of the legislative session and for each day on  
21 official legislative business between sessions, legislators [(1) ON  
22 TRAVEL STATUS AND AWAY FROM HOME OVERNIGHT] shall be allowed, instead of  
23 their actual expenses for subsistence a per diem allowance of \$35 [\$48  
24 FOR EACH DAY; (2) NOT AWAY FROM HOME OVERNIGHT SHALL RECEIVE AN  
25 ALLOWANCE OF \$35 FOR EACH DAY]. The per diem allowance is also payable  
26 for each day of necessary travel.

27 \* Sec. 3. AS 24.15.020 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

28 Sec. 24.15.020. ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SALARIES. The annual salary  
29 for each member of the legislature is \$9,000, to be paid in approxi-

1 mately equal monthly payments. The president of the senate and speaker  
2 of the house of representatives are each entitled to an additional \$500  
3 a year during tenure of office.

4 \* Sec. 4. AS 24.15.030 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 24.15.030. ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES. In addition, each member  
6 of the legislature is entitled to an annual allowance of \$4,000 [PRE-  
7 SCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 39.23] for postage, stationery, steno-  
8 graphic services and other expenses.

9 \* Sec. 5. AS 24.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 24.15.025. LEGISLATIVE SALARY ADJUSTMENT. Legislative  
11 salaries shall be adjusted only in accordance with the following proce-  
12 dure:

13 (1) During the second session of each legislature the Legis-  
14 lative Council shall determine whether, and to what extent, the legis-  
15 lative salaries should be adjusted. Subsequently, the council shall  
16 introduce a resolution requesting the lieutenant governor to place an  
17 advisory proposition, drafted by the Legislative Affairs Agency, on the  
18 ballot at the next statewide election as to whether legislative salaries  
19 shall be adjusted and to what extent.

20 (2) If the resolution passes, the Legislative Affairs Agency  
21 shall prepare the ballot question and deliver it to the lieutenant  
22 governor who shall cause it to be placed on the ballot of the next  
23 statewide election. The question shall be advisory in form.

24 (3) At the first session following the statewide advisory  
25 election, the Legislative Council shall introduce a bill adjusting  
26 legislative salaries in accordance with their determination made under  
27 (1) of this section. If the bill passes, the salary adjustment shall be  
28 retroactive to the first day of the session at which the bill was intro-  
29 duced.

1 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
2 070(c).

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