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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY GARDINER

2 *SCS* HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Approving certain recommendations of the
6 Salary Commission.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS Chapter 263, Session Laws of Alaska 1976 established the Alaska
9 Salary Commission; and

10 WHEREAS the Salary Commission was granted the responsibility of conduct-
11 ing an on-going review of compensation and retirement benefits for members of
12 the legislature, the governor and lieutenant governor, commissioners, deputy
13 commissioners and directors of executive departments, members of the Alaska
14 Public Utilities Commission, the Alaska Pipeline Commission, the Alaska
15 Transportation Commission, and the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commis-
16 sion, and members of the judiciary; and

17 WHEREAS the recommendations of the Salary Commission as to compensation
18 become effective, retroactive to January 1, 1977 only if approved by con-
19 current resolution of the legislature before the end of the first session of
20 the legislature; and

21 WHEREAS the Salary Commission has submitted its recommendations to the
22 legislature regarding the compensation of the officers covered under Chapter
23 263 and the legislature has considered them; and

24 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (1)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
25 to set the annual salary of the governor of Alaska at \$52,992; and

26 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (2)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
27 to set the annual salary of the lieutenant governor of Alaska at \$47,304; and

28 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (3)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
29 to set the annual salary of commissioners of principal executive departments

1 at \$47,304; and

2 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (3)(C) proposes to grant longevity pay
3 increases to the commissioners of the principal executive departments at the
4 discretion of the governor which are equal to 3.75 per cent of the annual
5 salary of the commissioner for each two years of continuous service, with
6 service accrual to begin January 1, 1977; and

7 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (4)(C) proposes to grant longevity pay
8 increases to the deputy commissioners of the principal executive departments
9 at the discretion of the departmental commissioner which are equal to 3.75
10 per cent of the annual salary of the deputy commissioner, for each two years
11 of continuous service, with service accrual to commence from the date of the
12 last step increase or upon the date of hire following approval of this recom-
13 mendation; and

14 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (6)(A) proposes that members of the Alaska
15 Public Utilities Commission be paid \$39,372 annually; and

16 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (6)(B) proposes that the chairman of the
17 Alaska Public Utilities Commission be paid an additional \$500 annually, pro-
18 rated as part of the regular salary; and

19 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (6)(D) proposes to grant longevity pay
20 increases to each commissioner of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission at
21 the discretion of the governor which are equal to 3.75 per cent of the annual
22 salary of the commissioner for each two years of service, with service accrual
23 beginning January 1, 1977; and

24 WHEREAS Recommendation (7)(A) proposes that members of the Alaska Trans-
25 portation Commission be paid \$39,372 annually; and

26 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (7)(B) proposes that the chairman of the
27 Alaska Transportation Commission be paid an additional \$500 annually, prorated
28 as part of the regular salary; and

29 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (7)(D) proposes to grant longevity pay

1 increases to each commissioner of the Alaska Transportation Commission at the
2 discretion of the governor which are equal to 3.75 per cent of the annual
3 salary of the commissioner for each two years of service, with service accrual
4 beginning January 1, 1977; and

5 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (8)(A) proposes that members of the Alaska
6 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission be paid \$39,372 annually; and

7 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (8)(B) proposes that the chairman of the
8 Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission be paid an additional \$500
9 annually, prorated as part of the regular salary; and

10 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (8)(D) proposes to grant longevity pay
11 increases to each commissioner of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry
12 Commission at the discretion of the governor which are equal to 3.75 per cent
13 of the annual salary of the commissioner for each two years of service, with
14 service accrual beginning January 1, 1977; and

15 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (9)(A) proposes that members of the Alaska
16 Pipeline Commission be paid \$39,372 annually; and

17 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (9)(B) proposes that the chairman of the
18 Alaska Pipeline Commission be paid an additional \$500 annually, prorated as
19 part of the regular salary; and

20 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (9)(D) proposes to grant longevity pay
21 increases to each commissioner of the Alaska Pipeline Commission at the dis-
22 cretion of the governor which are equal to 3.75 per cent of the annual salary
23 of the commissioner for each two years of service, with service accrual
24 beginning January 1, 1977; and

25 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (10)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
26 to confirm the annual salary of Supreme Court judges at \$52,992; and

27 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (11)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
28 to confirm the annual salary of the Superior Court judges at \$48,576; and

29 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (12)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes

1 to confirm the annual salary of District Court judges at \$41,068; and

2 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (13)(A) proposes that state legislators be
3 paid an annual salary of \$11,750; and

4 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (13)(B) proposes that the Senate President
5 and the House Speaker each receive an additional \$500 per year payable on the
6 opening day of each regular session of the legislature or upon confirmation
7 by the House or Senate after the opening of a regular session of the legis-
8 lature; and

9 WHEREAS Recommendation (13)(C) proposes that legislators be eligible for
10 an automatic pay increase of \$500 for each two years of continuous service
11 with service accrual to begin on the opening of the 1977 regular session; and

12 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (13)(D) proposes that legislators receive
13 an annual allowance of \$4,000; and

14 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (13)(F) proposes that legislators receive
15 per diem at the same rate as state employees, including regional variations
16 where applicable. Legislators who change the city of residence during regular
17 or special legislative sessions will receive per diem at the short term rate
18 for the first 100 days of each session. Per diem will revert to the long
19 term (lower) rate after the first 100 days of each regular or special session,
20 and

21 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (13)(G) proposes that each legislator be
22 reimbursed the cost for one round-trip to his home district during each
23 regular session;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature approves the listed
25 Recommendations in the language and form stated in this Resolution; and be
26 it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that those parts of Recommendations (13)(A) and (13)(D)
28 which are not quoted above are considered by the legislature to be beyond the
29 authority of the Salary Commission, are therefore not part of a proper

1 Recommendation, and are not approved; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that if any part of the above approvals or refusals to
3 approve are determined not to have been within the authority of the legisla-
4 ture under ch. 263, SLA 1976 or under AS 39.23, then all the Recommendations
5 made by the Commission are not approved.

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