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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

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 ch. 263
23 SLA 1976 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)(A) proposes that there be no change in
8 the annual salary of \$43,372 for beginning deputy department commissioners;
9 and

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

17 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (5)(A) proposes that there be no change in
18 the salary level of directors and the Salary Commission also recommends that
19 the administrative rules be changed so that the salary entry level of new
20 directors be in the "A" step of the salary range at which they are hired; the
21 commission recognized that promotions from deputy director to director of a
22 division may sometimes necessitate that those receiving a promotion move into
23 a step other than "A" in order to be assured a salary increase; in such
24 cases, that person receiving the promotion should enter at the lowest step
25 necessary to receive a salary increase; the commission also recognized that
26 some directors are now covered by a negotiated agreement and the commission's
27 recommendations will not apply to them until that agreement expires; and

28 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (5)(B) proposes that the salary progres-
29 sion for directors follow the steps outlined in the state salary schedule as

1 outlined in AS 39.27.011; and

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

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

7 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (6)(D) proposes to grant longevity pay
8 increases to each commissioner of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission at
9 the discretion of the governor which are equal to 3.75 per cent of the annual
10 salary of the commissioner for each two years of service, with service accru-
11 al beginning January 1, 1977; and

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

14 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (7)(B) proposes that the chairman of the
15 Alaska Transportation Commission be paid an additional \$500 annually, pro-
16 rated as part of the regular salary; and

17 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (7)(D) proposes to grant longevity pay
18 increases to each commissioner of the Alaska Transportation Commission at the
19 discretion of the governor which are equal to 3.75 per cent of the annual
20 salary of the commissioner for each two years of service, with service accru-
21 al beginning January 1, 1977; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (8)(D) proposes to grant longevity pay
28 increases to each commissioner of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry
29 Commission at the discretion of the governor which are equal to 3.75 per cent

1 of the annual salary of the commissioner for each two years of service, with
2 service accrual beginning January 1, 1977; and

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (10)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
14 to confirm the annual salary of supreme court judges at \$52,992; and

15 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (11)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
16 to confirm the annual salary of the superior court judges at \$48,576; and

17 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (12)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
18 to confirm the annual salary of district court judges at \$41,068; and

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

21 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (13)(B) proposes that the president of the
22 senate and the speaker of the house each receive an additional \$500 per year
23 payable on the opening day of each regular session of the legislature or upon
24 confirmation by the House or Senate after the opening of a regular session of
25 the legislature; and

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

28 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (13)(F) proposes that legislators receive
29 per diem at the same rate as state employees, including regional variations

1 where applicable; legislators who do not live in their city of residence
2 during regular or special legislative sessions will receive per diem at the
3 short term rate; interim committee work should be paid at the short-term per
4 diem rate; however, per diem is to be paid at the long-term (lower) rate if
5 legislators are able to stay in their city of residence while on legislative
6 business;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature approves the listed
8 Recommendations in the language and form stated in this resolution; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that those parts of Recommendation 13 which are not
10 quoted above are considered by the legislature to be beyond the authority of
11 the Salary Commission, are therefore not part of a proper Recommendation, and
12 are not approved.

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