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IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Approving certain recommendations of the Salary Commission.

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

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

WHEREAS the Salary Commission was granted the responsibility of conducting an on-going review of compensation and retirement benefits for members of the legislature, the governor and lieutenant governor, commissioners, deputy commissioners and directors of executive departments, members of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, the Alaska Pipeline Commission, the Alaska Transportation Commission, and the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, and members of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS the recommendations of the Salary Commission as to compensation become effective, retroactive to January 1, 1977 only if approved by concurrent resolution of the legislature before the end of the first session of the legislature; and

WHEREAS the Salary Commission has submitted its recommendations to the legislature regarding the compensation of the officers covered under ch. 263 SLA 1976 and the legislature has considered them; and

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

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

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

at $47,304; and

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

WHEREAS Recommendation Number (4)(A) proposes that there be no change in the annual salary of $42,372 for beginning deputy department commissioners; and

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

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

WHEREAS Recommendation Number (5)(B) proposes that the salary progression for directors follow the steps outlined in the state salary schedule as

outlined in AS 39.27.011; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS Recommendation (7)(A) proposes that members of the Alaska Transportation Commission be paid $39,372 annually; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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