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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 305 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for geographic cost-of-living salary  
7 differentials for judicial officers; and providing for  
8 an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 22.05.140 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (c) In addition to annual salary, the chief justice and each  
12 associate justice is entitled to receive a geographic cost-of-living  
13 adjustment, based on the location of his primary office assignment,  
14 equal to 3.5 per cent of his annual salary times the number of pay step  
15 increases provided under AS 39.27.020 for a state employee working in  
16 the same election district in those districts for which AS 39.27.020  
17 specifies zero-to-five pay step increases. In an election district for  
18 which AS 39.27.020 specifies more than five pay steps, the number of pay  
19 step increases under this section is limited to five. Any retirement  
20 benefits to which the chief justice or an associate justice may be  
21 entitled shall be computed only on the annual salary.

22 \* Sec. 2. AS 22.10.190 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 (c) In addition to annual salary, a superior court judge is en-  
24 titled to receive a geographic cost-of-living adjustment, based on the  
25 location of his primary office assignment, equal to 3.5 per cent of his  
26 annual salary times the number of pay step increases provided under AS  
27 39.27.020 for a state employee working in the same election district in  
28 those districts for which AS 39.27.020 specifies zero-to-five pay step  
29 increases. In an election district for which AS 29.27.020 specifies

1 more than five pay steps, the number of pay step increases under this  
2 section is limited to five. Any retirement benefits to which a superior  
3 court judge may be entitled shall be computed only on the annual salary.

4 \* Sec. 3. AS 22.15.220 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) In addition to annual salary, a district court judge is en-  
6 titled to receive a geographic cost-of-living adjustment, based on the  
7 location of his primary office assignment, equal to 3.5 per cent of his  
8 annual salary times the number of pay step increases provided under AS  
9 39.27.020 for a state employee working in the same election district in  
10 those districts for which AS 39.27.020 specifies zero-to-five pay step  
11 increases. In an election district for which AS 39.27.020 specifies  
12 more than five pay steps, the number of pay step increases under this  
13 section is limited to five. Any retirement benefits to which a district  
14 court judge may be entitled shall be computed only on the annual salary.

15 \* Sec. 4. The purpose of this Act is to provide parity among the salaries  
16 of judicial officers throughout the state by taking into account the higher  
17 cost of living in certain communities in which judicial officers reside. To  
18 the extent that there may be fluctuations in the relative cost of living  
19 among communities in the state, the legislature may reduce or increase the  
20 adjustments provided for in this Act. Reduction of a cost-of-living adjust-  
21 ment shall not be considered a diminishment of compensation.

22 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1978.  
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