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BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Approving certain recommendations of
the Salary Commission.

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

WHEREAS AS 39.23 establishes the Alaska Salary Commission; and

WHEREAS the Salary Commission is 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 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, 1979, 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 AS 39.23 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 \$57,231; and

WHEREAS Recommendation Number (2)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes to set the annual salary of the lieutenant governor of Alaska at \$51,088; and

WHEREAS Recommendation Number (3)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes to set the annual salary of commissioners of principal executive departments at \$51,088; and

1 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (4)(A) proposes to set the annual salary
2 of deputy department commissioners at \$45,762, except that a state employee
3 accepting an appointment as deputy commissioner whose salary exceeds \$45,762
4 shall continue to receive the higher salary; and

5 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (5)(A) proposes that there be no change in
6 the salary level of division directors; the Salary Commission recognizes that
7 promotions from deputy director to director of a division may sometimes
8 necessitate that those receiving a promotion move into a step other than "A"
9 in order to be assured a salary increase; in such cases, that person re-
10 ceiving the promotion should enter at the lowest step necessary to receive a
11 salary increase; and

12 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (5)(B) proposes that the salary progres-
13 sion for directors follow the steps outlined in the state salary schedule in
14 AS 39.27.011 to a maximum of \$50,000 annually; and directors whose salaries
15 exceeded \$50,000 annually on December 31, 1978, remain at that salary without
16 further increases; and

17 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (5)(C) proposes that directors who, as of
18 December 31, 1978, have their salaries frozen shall, as of January 1, 1979,
19 be placed within the state salary schedule in AS 39.27.011 at the appropriate
20 range closest to, but not less than, their current salary and their salary
21 progression shall follow the steps outlined in the salary schedule to a
22 maximum of \$50,000 annually; and

23 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (5)(D) of the Salary Commission proposes
24 that a state employee who, without a break in continuous service, is
25 appointed to a position of division director after December 31, 1978, be
26 placed, at the time of appointment, within the state salary schedule in AS
27 39.27.011 at the appropriate range and step closest to, but not less than,
28 his current salary, and his salary progress shall follow the steps outlined
29 in the salary schedule to a maximum of \$50,000 annually; and

1 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (6)(A) proposes that members of the Alaska
2 Public Utilities Commission be paid \$44,353 annually; and

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

6 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (7)(A) proposes that members of the Alaska
7 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission be paid \$44,353 annually; and

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

11 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (8)(A) proposes that members of the Alaska
12 Pipeline Commission be paid \$44,353 annually; and

13 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (8)(B) proposes that the chairman of the
14 Alaska Pipeline Commission be paid an additional \$500 annually, prorated as
15 part of the regular salary; and

16 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (9)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
17 that the annual salary of supreme court justices be \$57,231; and

18 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (10)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
19 that the annual salary of the superior court judges be \$52,462; and

20 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (11)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
21 that the annual salary of district court judges be \$44,353; and

22 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (12)(A) proposes that state legislators be
23 paid an annual salary of \$12,690; and

24 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (12)(B) proposes that the president of the
25 senate and the speaker of the house each receive an additional \$500 per year
26 payable on the opening day of each regular session of the legislature or upon
27 confirmation by the House or Senate after the opening of a regular session of
28 the legislature; and

29 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (12)(D) proposes that legislators receive

1 an annual allowance of \$4,320; and

2 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (12)(F) proposes that legislators receive
3 per diem at the same rate as state employees, including regional variations
4 where applicable; legislators who do not live in their city of residence
5 during regular or special legislative sessions will receive per diem at the
6 short-term rate; interim committee work should be paid at the short-term per
7 diem rate; however, per diem is to be paid at the long-term (lower) rate if
8 legislators are able to stay in their city of residence while on legislative
9 business; and

10 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (12)(G) proposes that each legislator be
11 reimbursed at cost, and upon presentation of proof, for one round trip to his
12 home district during each regular session; and

13 WHEREAS Recommendations Numbers (1)(B), (2)(B), (3)(B), (4)(B), (6)(C),
14 (7)(C), (8)(C), (9)(B), (10)(B), (11)(B), and (12)(B) propose that the
15 salaries of the governor, lieutenant governor, commissioners of principal
16 executive departments, deputy department commissioners, members of the Alaska
17 Public Utilities Commission, Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission,
18 Alaska Pipeline Commission, supreme court justices, superior court judges,
19 district court judges, and legislators, respectively, be increased, beginning
20 January 1, 1980, by an amount equal to the increase, expressed in terms of
21 percentage, in the United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index
22 (Urban and Clerical Workers) for Anchorage, Alaska from January, 1979, to
23 January, 1980; and that any such increase be calculated to the nearest tenth
24 of a percentage point increase in the Consumer Price Index;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature approves the listed
26 Recommendations in the language and form stated in this resolution.