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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Approving certain recommendations of
6 the Salary Commission.

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

8 WHEREAS AS 39.23 establishes the Alaska Salary Commission; and

9 WHEREAS the Salary Commission is granted the responsibility of con-
10 ducting an on-going review of compensation and retirement benefits for mem-
11 bers of the legislature, the governor and lieutenant governor, commissioners,
12 deputy commissioners and directors of executive departments, members of the
13 Alaska Public Utilities Commission, the Alaska Pipeline Commission, the
14 Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, and members of the judiciary;
15 and

16 WHEREAS the recommendations of the Salary Commission as to compensation
17 become effective, retroactive to January 1, 1979, only if approved by con-
18 current resolution of the legislature before the end of the first session of
19 the legislature; and

20 WHEREAS the Salary Commission has submitted its recommendations to the
21 legislature regarding the compensation of the officers covered under AS 39.23
22 and the legislature has considered them; and

23 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (1)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
24 to set the annual salary of the governor of Alaska at \$57,231; and

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

27 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (3)(A) of the Salary Commission proposes
28 to set the annual salary of commissioners of principal executive departments
29 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; and that the entry level of new
7 directors continue to be the "A" step of the salary range at which they are
8 hired; the Salary Commission recognizes that promotions to director of a
9 division may sometimes necessitate that those receiving a promotion move into
10 a step other than "A" in order to be assured a salary increase; in such
11 cases, that person receiving the promotion should enter at the lowest step
12 necessary to receive a salary increase; and

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

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

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

1 to a maximum of \$50,000 annually; and

2 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (6)(A) proposes that members of the Alaska
3 Public Utilities Commission be paid \$44,353 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,
6 prorated as part of the regular salary; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS Recommendation Number (12)(D) proposes that legislators receive
2 an annual allowance of \$4,320; and

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

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

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

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