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HOUSE BILL NO. 107

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to compensation of legislators; and

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providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 24.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 24.15.011. LEGISLATIVE PER DIEM. (a) A member of the

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legislature is entitled to receive per diem at the same rate allowed

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for a state employee under AS 39.20.110 and 39.20.160, including

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regional variations in the rate where applicable.

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(b) A legislator is entitled to receive per diem at the short-

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term rate

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(1) during a legislative session if the legislator is not

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living in the legislator's place of permanent residence during the

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session; and

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(2) while on committee business for an interim committee of

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the legislature in a place that is not the legislator's place of

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permanent residence.

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(c) A legislator is entitled to receive per diem at the long-

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(1) during a legislative session if the legislator is

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living in the legislator's place of permanent residence during the

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session; and

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(2) while engaged in committee business for an interim

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committee of the legislature at the legislator's place of permanent

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residence.

1 (d) In this section

2 (1) "long-term rate" means the long-term per diem rate for
3 a state employee established in regulations adopted by the commission-
4 er of administration under AS 39.20.160;

5 (2) "short-term rate" means the short-term per diem rate
6 for a state employee established in regulations adopted by the commis-
7 sioner of administration under AS 39.20.160.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 24.15.020 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 24.15.020. SALARY OF LEGISLATORS. The monthly salary for
10 each member of the legislature is equal to Step A, Range 10 [22] of
11 the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska. The presi-
12 dent of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives are
13 each entitled to an additional \$500 a year during tenure of office.

14 * Sec. 3. AS 24.15.020 is repealed and reenacted to read:

15 Sec. 24.15.020. SALARY OF LEGISLATORS. The compensation of a
16 legislator shall be established in accordance with AS 24.15.080 -
17 24.15.110.

18 * Sec. 4. AS 24.15.040 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 24.15.040. METHOD OF PAYMENT. Salaries, per diem and
20 additional allowances for members of the legislature shall be paid by
21 warrants drawn on vouchers approved by the legislative fiscal officer.

22 * Sec. 5. AS 24.15 is amended by adding new sections to read:

23 ARTICLE 3. COMMISSION ON LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION.

24 Sec. 24.15.080. COMPENSATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED. (a) The
25 Commission on Legislative Compensation is established. The commission
26 is composed of five members appointed jointly by the president of the
27 senate and the speaker of the house for terms of four years. Commis-
28 sion membership shall include at least one business executive, one
29 representative of a nonpartisan voters' organization, one person with

1 experience in public administration and one representative of a labor
2 organization. A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the un-
3 expired term.

4 (b) The commission shall annually elect a member to chair its
5 meetings. A majority of the commission members constitutes a quorum
6 to transact business. A majority of the members must approve the
7 commission's recommendations on legislative compensation.

8 (c) The commission shall meet at the call of the chair. Notice
9 of a meeting shall be mailed to each member at least 15 days before
10 the date scheduled for the meeting.

11 Sec. 24.15.090. PROHIBITIONS AGAINST STATE SERVICE. A member of
12 the commission may not be employed by the state during membership on
13 the commission and may not hold elective office during or within one
14 year following membership.

15 Sec. 24.15.100. DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The commission shall
16 review legislators' salaries at least once every two years, but not
17 more frequently than every year. The commission shall report to the
18 legislature its recommendations on compensation, including salaries,
19 benefits and allowances, of legislators. The commission may recommend
20 that the president of the senate and the speaker of the house receive
21 additional compensation. A salary recommendation of the commission
22 takes effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year if the legisla-
23 ture passes an appropriation to fund an increase. A recommendation on
24 benefits takes effect upon the passage of necessary legislation.

25 Sec. 24.15.110. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT. The Administra-
26 tive Procedure Act (AS 44.62) does not apply to proceedings of the
27 commission. However, the commission shall hold a public hearing
28 before recommending a change in the compensation of legislators.

29 Sec. 24.15.120. DEFINITION. In AS 24.15.080 - 24.15.110

1 "commission" means the Commission on Legislative Compensation.

2 * Sec. 6. Notwithstanding AS 24.15.080(a), two of the initial members
3 appointed to the commission shall serve one-year terms, one member shall
4 serve a two-year term, one member shall serve a three-year term, and one
5 member shall serve a four-year term.

6 * Sec. 7. Notwithstanding sec. 3 of this Act, the salary for legisla-
7 tors established in AS 24.15.020 as amended by sec. 2 of this Act shall
8 remain in effect until the commission has recommended a change and the
9 legislature has adopted it in accordance with AS 24.15.100.

10 * Sec. 8. Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 of this Act take effect immediate-
11 ly in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

12 * Sec. 9. Sections 3 and 7 of this Act take effect July 1, 1985.