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1 IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 129

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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

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6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to compensation of legislators;
7 establishing a commission on legislative compensa-
8 tion; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 24.15.020 is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 Sec. 24.15.020. SALARY OF LEGISLATORS. The compensation of a
12 legislator shall be established in accordance with AS 24.15.080 -
13 24.15.110.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 24.15 is amended by adding new sections to read:

15 ARTICLE 3. COMMISSION ON LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION.

16 Sec. 24.15.080. COMPENSATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED. (a) The
17 Commission on Legislative Compensation is established. The commission
18 is composed of five members appointed jointly by the president of the
19 senate and the speaker of the house for terms of four years. Commis-
20 sion membership shall include at least one business executive, one
21 representative of a nonpartisan voters' organization, one person with
22 experience in public administration and one representative of a labor
23 organization. A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the un-
24 expired term.

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

29 (c) The commission shall meet at the call of the chair. Notice

1 of a meeting shall be mailed to each member at least 15 days before
2 the date scheduled for the meeting.

3 Sec. 24.15.090. PROHIBITIONS AGAINST STATE SERVICE. A member of
4 the commission may not be employed by the state during membership on
5 the commission and may not hold legislative elective office during or
6 within one year following membership.

7 Sec. 24.15.100. DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The commission shall
8 review legislators' salaries at least once every two years, but not
9 more frequently than every year. The commission shall report to the
10 legislature its recommendations on compensation of legislators,
11 including their salaries, benefits, and allowances. The commission
12 may recommend that the president of the senate and the speaker of the
13 house receive additional compensation. A salary recommendation of the
14 commission takes effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year if
15 the legislature passes an appropriation to fund an increase. A recom-
16 mendation on benefits or allowances takes effect upon the passage of
17 necessary legislation.

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

22 Sec. 24.15.120. DEFINITION. In AS 24.15.080 - 24.15.110 "com-
23 mission" means the Commission on Legislative Compensation.

24 * Sec. 3. Notwithstanding AS 24.15.080(a), two of the initial members
25 appointed to the commission shall serve one-year terms, one member shall
26 serve a two-year term, one member shall serve a three-year term, and one
27 member shall serve a four-year term.

28 * Sec. 4. Notwithstanding sec. 1 of this Act, the salary for legisla-
29 tors established in AS 24.15.020 as it existed immediately before the

1 effective date of this Act shall remain in effect until the commission has
2 recommended a change and the legislature has adopted it in accordance with
3 AS 24.15.100.

4 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
5 10.070(c).