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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to salaries of legislators."

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

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

9 Sec. 24.15.011. LEGISLATIVE PER DIEM. (a) A member of the  
10 legislature is entitled to receive per diem at the same rate allowed  
11 for a state employee under AS 39.20.110 and 39.20.160, including  
12 regional variations in the rate where applicable.

13 (b) A legislator is entitled to receive per diem at the  
14 short-term rate

15 (1) during a legislative session if the legislator is not  
16 living in the legislator's place of permanent residence during the  
17 session; and

18 (2) while on committee business for an interim committee of  
19 the legislature in a place that is not the legislator's place of  
20 permanent residence.

21 (c) A legislator is entitled to receive per diem at the  
22 long-term rate

23 (1) during a legislative session if the legislator is  
24 living in the legislator's place of permanent residence during the  
25 session; and

26 (2) while engaged in committee business for an interim  
27 committee of the legislature at the legislator's place of permanent  
28 residence.

29 (d) In this section

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

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

7 \* Sec. 2. AS 24.15.020 is amended to read:

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

13 \* Sec. 3. AS 24.15.040 is amended to read:

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