

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

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HOUSE BILL NO. 294

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to compensation of legislators; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 24.10.100 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 24.10.100. ANNUAL SALARY OF LEGISLATORS. The annual
11 [MONTHLY] salary for each member of the legislature is \$39,000 [EQUAL
12 TO STEP A, RANGE 10 OF THE SALARY SCHEDULE IN AS 39.27.011(a) FOR
13 JUNEAU]. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
14 representatives are each entitled to an additional \$500 a year during
15 tenure of office.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 24.10.105(b) is amended to read:

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

19 (1) during a special legislative session if the legislator
20 is not living in the legislator's place of permanent residence during
21 the special session; and

22 (2) while on committee business or other legislative busi-
23 ness in a place that is not the legislator's place of permanent resi-
24 dence if the arrangements require the legislator to remain overnight
25 in a place that is not the legislator's place of permanent residence.

26 * Sec. 3. AS 24.10.110 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 24.10.110. ADDITIONAL EXPENSES. In addition, each member
28 of the legislature is entitled to charge an amount annually with the
29 Legislative Affairs Agency [AN ANNUAL ALLOWANCE PRESCRIBED IN

1 ACCORDANCE WITH AS 39.23] for postage [, STATIONERY, STENOGRAPHIC
2 SERVICES] and other office expenses. The Legislative Affairs Agency
3 shall maintain an account of each legislator's expenditures from the
4 legislator's allowance.

5 * Sec. 4. AS 24.10.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (b) Each member of the legislature is entitled to be reimbursed
7 for the cost of transportation for two round trips from Juneau to the
8 legislator's home district during the legislative session to maintain
9 constituent contact.

10 * Sec. 5. AS 39.23.200(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) The commission shall meet [EVERY OTHER YEAR] at the call of
12 the chair. Notice of a meeting shall be mailed to each member at
13 least 15 days before the date scheduled for the meeting.

14 * Sec. 6. AS 39.23.230(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The commission may hire staff. If requested by the commis-
16 sion, the Legislative Affairs Agency shall provide staff for the
17 commission.

18 * Sec. 7. AS 39.23.240 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (g) The commission shall notify the president of the senate and
20 the speaker of the house of representatives if the commission is
21 unable to meet a deadline established under (c) or (d) of this sec-
22 tion. The commission shall inform the speaker and the president of
23 the date on which the commission expects to present the report.

24 * Sec. 8. AS 39.23.260 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 39.23.260. POLICY OF THE LEGISLATURE. It is the policy of
26 the legislature that the commission recommend to the legislature
27 [DETERMINE] an equitable rate and form of compensation, benefits, and
28 allowances for legislators.

29 * Sec. 9. AS 24.10.105(c), 24.10.101, 24.10.105(d)(1); AS 39.23.230(b),

1 39.23.250, and secs. 5, 9, and 10, ch. 124, SLA 1986 are repealed.

2 * Sec. 10. Sections 1, 3, 4, and 9 of this Act take effect January 16,
3 1988.

4 * Sec. 11. Sections 2 and 5 - 8 of this Act take effect July 1, 1987.