

Original sponsor: Rules by request

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 294 (Finance)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL

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

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 24.10.100 is amended to read:

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

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

18 (b) Except as provided in (f) of this section, a [A] legislator  
19 is entitled to receive per diem at the short-term rate

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

23 (2) while on [COMMITTEE BUSINESS OR OTHER] legislative  
24 business in a place that is not the legislator's place of permanent  
25 residence.

26 \* Sec. 3. AS 24.10.105(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

27 (c) Except as provided in (f) of this section, a legislator is  
28 entitled to receive per diem at the long-term rate during a special  
29 legislative session if the legislator is living in the legislator's

1 place of permanent residence during the special session.

2 \* Sec. 4. AS 24.10.105(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to  
3 read:

4 (3) "legislator-elect" includes a person elected under  
5 AS 15.35.020 or elected or appointed under AS 15.40.320 - 15.40.470 to  
6 a seat in the Alaska legislature who has not taken the oath of office  
7 under art. XII, sec. 5, Constitution of the State of Alaska.

8 \* Sec. 5. AS 24.10.105 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

9 (e) A person elected as a legislator who has not yet taken the  
10 oath of office is entitled to receive per diem for seven days before a  
11 legislative session. A person appointed as a legislator who has not  
12 yet taken the oath of office is entitled to receive per diem, not to  
13 exceed seven days, for the days after the appointment and before the  
14 date the person takes the oath or the appointment is rejected under  
15 AS 15.40.330. Except as provided in (f) of this section, per diem  
16 under this subsection shall be paid at the

17 (1) short-term rate for a legislator-elect not living in  
18 the legislator-elect's place of permanent residence during the legis-  
19 lative session; or

20 (2) long-term rate for a legislator-elect living in the  
21 legislator-elect's place of permanent residence during the legislative  
22 session.

23 (f) In lieu of receiving per diem under (b), (c), or (e) of this  
24 section, a legislator or legislator-elect may choose to receive reim-  
25 bursement for actual expenses for transportation, food, and lodging.

26 \* Sec. 6. AS 39.23.200(c) is amended to read:

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

1 \* Sec. 7. AS 39.23.230(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) The commission may hire staff. If requested by the commis-  
3 sion, the Legislative Affairs Agency shall provide staff for the  
4 commission.

5 \* Sec. 8. AS 39.23.240 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (g) The commission shall notify the president of the senate and  
7 the speaker of the house of representatives if the commission is  
8 unable to meet a deadline established under (c) or (d) of this sec-  
9 tion. The commission shall inform the speaker and the president of  
10 the date on which the commission expects to present the report.

11 \* Sec. 9. AS 39.23.260 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 39.23.260. POLICY OF THE LEGISLATURE. It is the policy of  
13 the legislature that the commission recommend to the legislature  
14 [DETERMINE] an equitable rate and form of compensation, benefits, and  
15 allowances for legislators.

16 \* Sec. 10. AS 24.10.101; AS 39.23.230(b), 39.23.250, and secs. 5, 9,  
17 and 12, ch. 124, SLA 1986 are repealed.

18 \* Sec. 11. This Act takes effect July 1, 1987.