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1 IN THE HOUSE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 294 (Rules)

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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

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

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legislators-elect; and providing for an effective

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date."

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

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* Section 1. FINDINGS. (a) The legislature finds that from July 21,

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1983, to July 16, 1985, legislators' compensation was established at Range

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22, Step A, of the state salary schedule. Officers and employees com-

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pensated at Range 22, Step A, at that time received \$3,900 per month or

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\$46,800 per year. From July 16, 1985, until January 19, 1987, the salary

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for legislators remained at \$46,800 per year although the compensation for

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state employees paid at Range 22, Step A, increased to \$4,095 per month or

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\$49,140 per year. On January 19, 1987, the compensation for legislators

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was reduced to Range 10, Step A.

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(b) The salary proposed in sec. 2 of this Act is 83 percent of the

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salary legislators received before January 19, 1987, and 79 percent of the

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salary other state employees who are compensated at a Range 22, Step A,

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receive under the state salary schedule currently in effect.

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* Sec. 2. AS 24.10.100 is amended to read:

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Sec. 24.10.100. ANNUAL SALARY OF LEGISLATORS. The annual

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[MONTHLY] salary for each member of the legislature is \$39,000 [EQUAL

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TO STEP A, RANGE 10 OF THE SALARY SCHEDULE IN AS 39.27.011(a) FOR

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JUNEAU]. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of

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representatives are each entitled to an additional \$500 a year during

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tenure of office.

1 * Sec. 3. AS 24.10.105(b) is amended to read:

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

4 (1) during a special legislative session if the legislator
5 is not living in the legislator's place of permanent residence during
6 the special session; and

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

10 * Sec. 4. AS 24.10.105(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 (c) Except as provided in (f) of this section, a legislator is
12 entitled to receive per diem at the long-term rate during a special
13 legislative session if the legislator is living in the legislator's
14 place of permanent residence during the special session.

15 * Sec. 5. AS 24.10.105(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
16 read:

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

21 * Sec. 6. AS 24.10.105 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

22 (e) A person elected as a legislator who has not yet taken the
23 oath of office is entitled to receive per diem for seven days before a
24 legislative session. A person appointed as a legislator who has not
25 yet taken the oath of office is entitled to receive per diem, not to
26 exceed seven days, for the days after the appointment and before the
27 date the person takes the oath or the appointment is rejected under
28 AS 15.40.330. Except as provided in (f) of this section, per diem
29 under this subsection shall be paid at the

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

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

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

10 * Sec. 7. 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. 8. 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. 9. 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. 10. 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. 11. AS 24.10.101; AS 39.23.230(b), 39.23.250; and secs. 5, 9,

1 and 12, ch. 124, SLA 1986 are repealed.

2 * Sec. 12. This Act takes effect January 9, 1989.