

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 139

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 wages and benefits for certain  
7 legislative employees; and providing for an effective  
8 date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 24.10.060 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 24.10.060. LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES. (a) The house and  
12 senate [TEMPORARY] employees of the legislature are hired for the  
13 duration of each session upon the recommendation of the rules commit-  
14 tee of each house. During the interim, house and senate employees are  
15 hired with the approval of the president of the senate or the speaker  
16 of the house of representatives, as appropriate [EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO  
17 EACH HOUSE ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CHIEF CLERK AND SENATE  
18 SECRETARY].

19 (b) Employees assigned to the duplicating, distributing, mail-  
20 ing, and other centralized services are under the immediate super-  
21 vision of the Legislative Affairs Agency.

22 (c) Except as provided in (e) of this section for hourly em-  
23 ployees, all [PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY] employees of the legislature  
24 are [AND ITS AGENCIES SHALL BE] employed subject to

25 (1) classification and wage plans based on the merit prin-  
26 ciple and adapted to the special needs of the legislature; and

27 (2) [PERMANENT EMPLOYEES ARE SUBJECT TO] the general state  
28 laws regarding leave and retirement.

29 \* Sec. 2. AS 24.10.060 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

1 (d) During sessions, all employees of the legislature are em-  
2 ployed with the understanding that they will work as many hours as may  
3 be required by their supervisors. All employees are on call for duty  
4 every day of the session.

5 (e) The permanent interim committees of the legislature, the  
6 rules committees, the president of the senate, or the speaker of the  
7 house of representatives, as appropriate, may authorize the employment  
8 of hourly employees. Hourly employees are subject to the salary  
9 schedule set out in AS 39.27.011 and general state laws regarding  
10 retirement but are not entitled to receive leave benefits.

11 \* Sec. 3. AS 24.10.200(a) is amended to read:

12 Sec. 24.10.200. HOUSE AND SENATE [SESSION] EMPLOYEES. (a)  
13 During the legislative session, house and senate [TEMPORARY SESSION]  
14 employees of the legislature are compensated under the salary schedule  
15 set out in AS 39.27.011 [FOR EACH CALENDAR DAY OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
16 SESSION] at the rate authorized by the Joint Rules Committee and upon  
17 approval of the house and senate. During the interim, house and  
18 senate employees are compensated at a rate approved by the president  
19 of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, as  
20 appropriate, consistent with the policies adopted by the Joint Rules  
21 Committee and approved by the house and senate.

22 \* Sec. 4. AS 24.10.210 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 24.10.210. EMPLOYEES OF LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES. Employees  
24 of agencies governed by permanent interim committees of the legisla-  
25 ture under AS 24.20 and employees of the committees themselves are  
26 compensated under AS 39.27.011, [IN ACCORDANCE WITH] the general state  
27 salary schedule, [INCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENT AND COMPENSATORY TIME  
28 POLICIES,] at levels budgeted and approved by the governing committees  
29 in accordance with law. The governing committees shall coordinate

1 with each other on position levels and salary-related [OVERTIME AND  
2 COMPENSATORY TIME] policies to every extent possible consistent with  
3 the statutory duties and powers of each permanent committee and its  
4 agency.

5 \* Sec. 5. AS 24.55.070(c) is amended to read:

6 (c) The ombudsman and the staff appointed by the ombudsman are  
7 in the exempt service under AS 39.25.110 and are not subject to the  
8 employment policies under AS 24.10 or 24.20.

9 \* Sec. 6. AS 39.27.011(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The following monthly basic salary schedule is approved as  
11 the pay plan for classified and partially exempt employees in the  
12 executive branch of the state government who are not members of a  
13 collective bargaining unit established under the authority of the  
14 Public Employment Relations Act and employees of the legislature under  
15 AS 24.10 and AS 24.20:

16	Range	Step	Step	Step	Step	Step	Step
17	No.	A	B	C	D	E	F
18	05	1,387	1,425	1,467	1,507	1,552	1,593
19	06	1,467	1,507	1,552	1,593	1,639	1,687
20	07	1,552	1,593	1,639	1,687	1,740	1,793
21	08	1,639	1,687	1,740	1,793	1,845	1,903
22	09	1,740	1,793	1,845	1,903	1,965	2,020
23	10	1,845	1,903	1,965	2,020	2,082	2,145
24	11	1,965	2,020	2,082	2,145	2,217	2,286
25	12	2,082	2,145	2,217	2,286	2,365	2,445
26	13	2,217	2,286	2,365	2,445	2,531	2,623
27	14	2,365	2,445	2,531	2,623	2,715	2,818
28	15	2,531	2,623	2,715	2,818	2,910	3,020
29	16	2,715	2,818	2,910	3,020	3,129	3,242

1	17	2,910	3,020	3,129	3,242	3,353	3,468
2	18	3,129	3,242	3,353	3,468	3,582	3,717
3	19	3,353	3,468	3,582	3,717	3,831	3,974
4	20	3,582	3,717	3,831	3,974	4,095	4,246
5	21	3,831	3,974	4,095	4,246	4,379	4,537
6	22	4,095	4,246	4,379	4,537	4,687	4,859
7	23	4,379	4,537	4,687	4,859	5,021	5,209
8	24	4,687	4,859	5,021	5,209	5,385	5,568
9	25	5,021	5,209	5,385	5,568	5,773	5,990
10	26	5,209	5,385	5,568	5,773	5,990	6,206
11	27	5,385	5,568	5,773	5,990	6,206	6,442
12	28	5,568	5,773	5,990	6,206	6,442	6,666
13	29	5,773	5,990	6,206	6,442	6,666	6,901
14	30	5,990	6,206	6,442	6,666	6,901	7,144

15 \* Sec. 7. AS 39.27.022 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (d) This section applies to employees of the legislature only if  
17 the committee responsible for adopting employment policies concerning  
18 the employee adopts a written policy that the section applies. This  
19 section applies to the employees of the office of the ombudsman only  
20 if the ombudsman adopts a policy that the section applies.

21 \* Sec. 8. AS 39.35.385(f) is amended to read:

22 (f) Subject to AS 39.35.450, an employee is eligible for a  
23 normal retirement benefit at age 60 or an early retirement benefit at  
24 age 55 if the employee has at least 60 days of credited service as an  
25 [A TEMPORARY] employee of the legislature, other than as an employee  
26 of the Office of the Ombudsman, during each of five legislative ses-  
27 sions.

28 \* Sec. 9. Notwithstanding the amendments made to AS 39.27.022 by sec. 7  
29 of this Act, an employee of the legislature who has received a longevity

1 pay increment under AS 39.27.022 before the effective date of sec. 7 of  
2 this Act shall continue to receive the increment until the committee re-  
3 sponsible for adopting employment policies concerning the employee adopts a  
4 policy on the question of longevity pay increments.

5 \* Sec. 10. AS 24.10.200(b) is repealed.

6 \* Sec. 11. The amendments to AS 39.35.385(f) made by sec. 8 of this Act  
7 are retroactive to July 1, 1979.

8 \* Sec. 12. Sections 1 - 7, 9, and 10 of this Act take effect on the  
9 first day of the first pay period that begins 14 or more days after the  
10 effective date of secs. 8 and 11 of this Act.

11 \* Sec. 13. Sections 8 and 11 of this Act take effect immediately under  
12 AS 01.10.070(c).