

HB

325

HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NEXT COMMITTEE: FINANCE

BILL: HB 325

CURRENT VERSION: SS HB 325

SCHEDULED: MARCH 2, 1988

SPONSOR: KOPONEN

PHONE NO: 4992

CONTACT FILE: \_\_\_\_\_

BILL SUBJECT: ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER PERS FOR DELEGATES TO ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

SPONSOR BACKUP: IN FILES

AFFECTED AGENCIES:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CONTACT/PHONE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
ADMIN	PUSHPENDER/2200	LETTER FROM STALNAKER IN FILES

FISCAL NOTES

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>DATED</u>	<u>FY 88 AMT</u>	<u>FY 89 AMT</u>
ADMIN	2/25/88	3/2/88	-0-	-0-

ACTION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
3/2/88	PASSED FROM HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS

STATE OF ALASKA  
THE LEGISLATURE

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May, 1988

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Mary Van Nimwegen

*House State Affrs:*

*March 2, 1988*

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 2/22/88

FURTHER REFERRALS: Finance

DATE: 3-2-88

The State Affairs Committee has considered SSHB 325

"An Act relating to eligibility for retirement benefits under the Public Employees' Retirement System for delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention; and providing for an effective date."

### RECOMMENDS:

- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title -  
 attached amendment(s)  a new title
- do pass  
 do not pass  
 no recommendation  
 individual recommendations  
 additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS:  \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

### ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact  same as previous fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_  
 zero fiscal note  same as previous zero fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_  
 zero with analysis

### SIGNING DO PASS:

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Cliff Davidson

### SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature]  
Serry Martin No Rec.

[Signature]  
Chairman's signature


Alaska State Legislature  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Fran Ulmer

FROM: Representative Niilo Koponen 

DATE: 22 February 1988

RE: SSHB 325 "An Act Relating to Credited Service in the  
Public Employees' Retirement System for Service at the  
Alaska Constitutional Convention."

I would like you to schedule SSHB 325 at your earliest convenience. I feel this recognition of their service is long overdue. There is very little cost to the retirement systems we found only two surviving members of the Constitutional Convention who were not otherwise vested in the system.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

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POSITION PAPER  
March 2, 1988

SSHB 325 "An Act relating to credited service in the public employees' retirement system for service at the Alaska Constitutional Convention."

I have become aware that the small number of dedicated Alaskans who took part in the framing of our state constitution were not considered employees of the Territory of Alaska for the purposes of the Public Employees Retirement System. Many delegates worked for the state in the years since the convention; others have not, or did not work or serve long enough to vest.

I believe it is only proper that we recognize their contributions in more than a symbolic manner. To accomplish this, I have submitted SSHB 325, which vests in the Public Employees Retirement System, those who participated in our Constitutional Convention as elected delegates. The Division of Retirement and Benefits has found only two surviving members of the Constitutional Convention who will be affected by this bill. The cost to the PERS will be minimal. This recognition is long overdue.

**STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR**

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

February 29, 1988

The Honorable Fran Ulmer  
Chairman  
House State Affairs Committee  
P.O. Bcx V  
Juneau, AK 99811

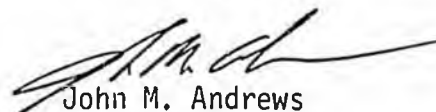
Dear Representative Ulmer:

Re: Sponsor Substitute for  
House Bill 325

In accordance with AS 24.08.036, I am providing an analysis below on Sponsor Substitute for House Bill 325. The analysis includes the long-term and short-term impact to the state if the bill is adopted and the impact the bill will have on the actuarial soundness of the Public Employees' (PERS) Retirement System funds.

SS HB 325 would allow delegates to the 1955/1956 Alaska Constitution Convention to be eligible for a conditional service retirement benefit if the delegate has at least three paid up years of PERS covered service after January 1, 1961. The conditional benefits would be calculated on the actual service that the delegate had in the PERS at the time of retirement. It is estimated that allowing the conditional benefits for delegates would not increase the PERS contribution rate.

Sincerely,

  
John M. Andrews  
Commissioner

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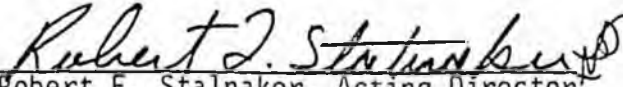
POSITION PAPER  
Sponsor Substitute for House Bill 325

Delegates of the Constitutional Convention are currently eligible to receive credit for the exact period of the Convention if he or she has worked for at least three years for the state government. Most of the eligible convention delegates have received credit for the convention period at no cost. Most of the delegates have continuous PERS service both before the convention as well as after.

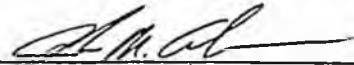
This bill will allow delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention to be eligible for conditional service retirement benefits based on their actual service credit at age 60. The delegate must have at least three years of paid-up PERS covered service with the State of Alaska after January 1, 1961 to be eligible for conditional benefits. The Constitutional Convention was convened at the University of Alaska, college campus November 19, 1955 and adjourned on February 6, 1956.

This bill would have no appreciable cost to the PERS nor effect the financial condition of the system.

The administration supports this bill.

  
Robert F. Stalnaker, Acting Director  
Division of Retirement & Benefits

2/29/88  
Date

  
Commissioner John M. Andrews  
Department of Administration

3/2/88  
Date

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Affected: Administration  
 Title: Credited PERS Service BRU: Retirement & Benefits  
for Constitutional Convention  
 Sponsor: Koponen Components: Retirement & Benefits  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

There will be no additional funding needs for the division resulting from this bill.

Prepared By: Robert F. Stalnaker, Acting Director Phone: 465-4470  
 Division: Retirement & Benefits Date: 1-26-88

Approved by Commissioner: John M. Andrews Date: 3/2/88  
 Agency: Department of Administration

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