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Senator Virginia Collins

May 13, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Jay Kerttula, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Senator Virginia Collins. Chair *VM*
Senate Special Committee on Ethics Reform

SUBJECT: SB 291 - Legislator's Office Allowance

I respectfully request that you schedule SB 291 for a committee hearing before the end of session. If we plan to address this issue before the session adjourns. the public hearing process needs to be expedited.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Attachments



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Senator Virginia Collins

March 25, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Rick Halford

FROM: Senator Virginia Collins 

SUBJECT: Legislative Office Allowance

In response to your question on whether or not the current \$4,000 is adequate for a legislative office allowance, I have found that during my six years as a Representative I have spent a minimum of \$3,000 each year from my personal funds.

As the Senator from District F, I will have to continue to subsidize my senate office allowance. I foresee that I will be spending at a minimum an additional \$6,000 from my personal funds.

The Senate Special Committee on Ethics Reform is going to address the office allowance issue. I am providing you with a copy of a proposed committee bill. However, the committee has not yet had an opportunity to meet on this draft. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Armstrong. She has been working as staff to the committee.

Enclosure



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SENATE BILL NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REFORM

Introduced:

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the legislative office allowance."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 24.10.110 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 24.10.110. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE ALLOWANCE. Each [ADDITIONAL
5 ALLOWANCES. IN ADDITION, EACH] member of the legislature is entitled to
6 reimbursement by the Legislative Affairs Agency [AN ANNUAL ALLOWANCE
7 PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 39.23] for the lawful expenses of maintaining
8 legislative session and district offices, including but not limited to postage, stationery, and
9 stenographic services, up to a maximum of \$8,500 for members of the senate and \$6,000 for
10 members of the house of representatives [AND OTHER EXPENSES].

11 * Sec. 2. AS 24.10.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (b) The legislative council shall adopt guidelines to implement this section. The
13 guidelines must include procedures for submission of vouchers by legislators, review of those
14 vouchers, and, when appropriate, payment by the Legislative Affairs Agency.

Work Draft for Office Allowance bill for the
Senate Special Committee on Ethics Reform

Sec. 24.10.110. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE [ADDITIONAL] ALLOWANCE.

(a) [In addition,] Each member of the legislature is entitled to an annual allowance for the lawful expenses of maintaining a legislative session and district office [in accordance with AS 39.23] for but not limited to postage, stationery, stenographic services and other expenses. Members of the Senate are authorized to submit reimbursement vouchers up to \$8,500 and members of the House are authorized to submit reimbursement vouchers up to \$6,000 to the Legislative Affairs Agency for payment.

(b) The Legislative Council Committee shall draft guidelines to implement the legislative office allowance voucher system.

Separate Bill for Allowance

(C) as an employee serving on only a temporary basis in case of fire, storm, snow, earthquake, flood, or similar emergency;

* Sec. 9. AS 24.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 24.10.111. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE ALLOWANCE. (a) A legislator may be reimbursed for the lawful expenses of maintaining a legislative office to supplement resources generally provided to legislators by the legislature and its agencies. Expenses eligible for reimbursement under this section include those incurred in a district office or an office in the capital city.

(b) Expenses that may be paid with public funds under AS 24.61 (Legislative Ethics Act) are presumed to be lawful.

(c) The legislative council shall, within 10 days of the beginning of a regular session of the legislature in an odd-numbered year, set a maximum amount that may be reimbursed under (a) of this section. If the council does not set a maximum amount under this section, the previously established maximum amount remains in effect. The council may vary the maximum amount according to the number of constituents a legislator represents.

(d) Expenses relating to newsletters may be reimbursed under this section only if the newsletter complies with guidelines on newsletters that the legislative council shall adopt and with the provisions of AS 24.61.

* Sec. 10. AS 24.10.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) During each regular session of the legislature, a member of the legislature may be reimbursed for up to two round trip tickets from Juneau to a city in the district from which the legislator was elected. This section does not apply to travel as a part of a legislative committee or subcommittee or for other official business of the legislature.

* Sec. 11. AS 24.45.121(a) is amended to read:

(a) A lobbyist may not

(1) engage in any activity as a lobbyist before registering under AS 24.45.041;

(2) do anything with the intent of placing a public official under personal obligation to the lobbyist or to the lobbyist's employer;

(3) intentionally deceive or attempt to deceive any public official with regard to any material fact pertinent to pending or proposed legislative or administrative action;

(4) cause or influence the introduction of a legislative measure for the purpose

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WORK ORDER REQUEST FORM

W.O. [17] LS-1069

KEYWORDS: LEGISLATORSASSIGNED: GaguineREQUEST FOR: New BillTAKEN BY: GaguineSUBJECT: Legislator's Office AllowanceREQUESTED FOR: SC ETHBY: S. ArmstrongPHONE: 465-2828DELIVER TO: Sen. Collins, Attn: S. Armstrong, Cap 7

INSTRUCTIONS: Per attached, draft bill providing for a legislative office allowance.

OBTAIN

SPECIAL DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED []
AUTHORIZED TO CONFER WITH _____

RETURN _____

_____ TO REQUESTOR

APPROVED: X DIRECTOR, LEGAL SERVICES

REVIEWED _____

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