

**HOUSE BILL NO. 377**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/7/16

Referred:

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to the per diem allowance for members of the legislature."**

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

3    \* **Section 1.** AS 24.10.130(b) is amended to read:

4                   (b) Legislators and officers and employees of the legislative branch of  
5                   government may be entitled to a per diem allowance; **however, a member of the**  
6                   **legislature is not entitled to a per diem allowance for a day the legislature is in**  
7                   **session at a location**

8                                 **(1) outside of the capital city, if the member's principal place of**  
9                   **residence is less than 30 miles from the location; or**

10                                **(2) in the capital city, if the member's principal place of residence**  
11                   **is in the City and Borough of Juneau.**

12    \* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.10.130(c) is amended to read:

13                   (c) The Alaska Legislative Council shall adopt a policy in accordance with **(b)**  
14                   **of this section and** AS 39.23.540(d) regarding reimbursement for moving expenses  
15                   [APPLICABLE TO ALL LEGISLATORS] and **payment of a** [AN APPLICABLE]

1 per diem allowance [POLICY]. The policy **must apply to all members of the**  
2 **legislature and** must set conditions for the reimbursement for moving expenses and  
3 payment of per diem and prescribe the amounts of reimbursement adapted to the  
4 special needs of the legislative branch as determined by the council.

5 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 39.23.540(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) The commission shall make available to the governor and presiding  
7 officers of each house of the legislature a final report of its findings and  
8 recommendations as to the rate and form of compensation, benefits, and allowances  
9 for legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each principal executive  
10 department head during the first 10 days of a legislative session. Subject to (g) of this  
11 section **and AS 24.10.130(b)**, and unless a bill disapproving all the recommendations  
12 for all officers listed in this section is enacted into law within 60 days after the  
13 recommendations are submitted to the governor and presiding officers of each house  
14 of the legislature, a recommendation as to the compensation, benefits, and allowances  
15 for

16 (1) a legislator has the force of law and becomes effective on the first  
17 day of the next regular legislative session; and

18 (2) the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each principal executive  
19 department head has the force of law and becomes effective on the first day of the  
20 fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the recommendation is submitted.