

**Summary of Salary Changes for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Department Heads  
(As established under AS 39.10.010, 39.20.030, 39.20.080(a))**

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To compile this history, I reviewed the most recent statutes and the Session Laws referenced in the History Notes of those statutes. I also copied and reviewed the related statutes during some, but not all years, to confirm the information in the Session Laws.

The effective dates listed in the table below are taken from Session Laws or Editor’s Notes in the Alaska Statutes. In some cases the related Session Law indicates the laws will take effect immediately upon passage and approval; in these cases the dates listed in the table below are the dates the laws were approved. In other cases, the effective dates in the table below are those expressly set forth in the laws or Editor’s Notes in the Alaska Statutes, and, often, these were retroactive.

Please note that as a librarian, I am unable to interpret bills or statutes, as this would constitute legal advice. I have quoted from the Session Laws and Alaska Statutes without any attempt to interpret how other laws might affect or change the sections quoted.

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3/17/59	\$25,000 Ch. 39 SLA 1959	\$18,000 Ch. 40 SLA 1959	--
4/22/59	Same	Same	“shall receive an annual salary as may be established by the governor... not ... in excess of” specific amounts set forth in the statute. The amounts are either \$15,000 or \$17,000, except that the adjutant general’s salary is listed as \$12,000. Ch. 105 SLA 1959
7/1/62	Same	Same	“shall receive an annual salary as may be established by the governor... not ... in excess of” specific amounts set forth in the statute. The amounts range from \$17,000 to \$19,000, except that the adjutant general’s salary is listed as \$15,000. Ch. 128 SLA 1962

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7/1/65	\$27,500 Ch. 115 SLA 1965	\$21,000 Ch. 115 SLA 1965	\$20,000 (except adjutant general, which is \$17,000) Ch. 115 SLA 1965
7/1/66	Same	Same	\$20,000 Ch. 156 SLA 1966
7/1/67	Same	"The monthly salary of the secretary of state is 10 per cent above the highest pay step in range 28 of Salary Schedule I, as set out in ch. 27 of this title." In that schedule, Step B of Range 28 is \$1,888. No amounts are listed for Steps C to F. Ch 123 SLA 1967	"...monthly salary of five percent above the highest pay step in range 28 of Salary Schedule I, as set out in ch. 27 of this title." In that schedule, Step B of Range 28 is \$1,888. No amounts are listed for Steps C to F. Ch 123 SLA 1967
7/16/69	\$32,000 Ch. 101 SLA 1969	\$28,500 Ch. 101 SLA 1969	\$27,500 Ch. 101 SLA 1969
7/16/70	\$40,000 Ch. 193 SLA 1970	\$36,000 Ch. 193 SLA 1970	\$33,000 Ch. 193 SLA 1970
4/27/74	Same	Same	\$40,000 Ch. 34 SLA 1974
1/1/75	\$50,000 Ch. 34 SLA 1974	\$44,000 Ch. 34 SLA 1974	Same
7/1/75	Same	Same	"10 per cent above Step E, Range 28 of the salary schedule established in AS 39.27.010 for Anchorage, Alaska..." Step E, Range 28, in the schedule in AS 39.27.010 published in 1975 is \$3,680. <b>Note: Salary Commission Reports identified below reference repeal of this provision.</b> Ch. 205 SLA 1975

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7/16/76	Same	Same	"10 per cent above Step E, Range 28 of the salary schedule established in AS 39.27.010 for Anchorage, Alaska..." Step E, Range 28, in the schedule in AS 39.27.010 in 1975 is \$3,680. <b>Note: Salary Commission Reports identified below reference repeal of this provision.</b> Ch. 148 SLA 1976
Effective on the first effective date of the first recommendation of the Alaska Salary Commission under AS 39.23.080(c)	"prescribed in accordance with AS 39.23." Ch. 263 SLA 1976	"prescribed in accordance with AS 39.23." Ch. 263 SLA 1976	"prescribed in accordance with AS 39.23." Ch. 263 SLA 1976
1/1/77	\$52,992 1/18/77 Salary Commission Report	\$47,304 1/18/77 Salary Commission Report	\$47,304 1/18/77 Salary Commission Report
1/1/79	\$57,231 1979 Salary Commission Report	\$51,088 1979 Salary Commission Report	\$51,088 1979 Salary Commission Report
1/1/79	\$65,000 AS 39.23 (Salary Commission) is repealed. Ch. 3 SLA 1980	\$58,500 AS 39.23 (Salary Commission) is repealed. Ch. 3 SLA 1980	\$57,500 AS 39.23 (Salary Commission) is repealed. Ch. 3 SLA 1980
1/1/80	"equal to Step F, Range 30 of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska." Step F, Range 30 is \$5,839. Ch. 3 SLA 1980	"equal to Step F, Range 28 of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska." Step F, Range 28 is \$5,446. Ch. 3 SLA 1980	"equal to Step E, Range 28 of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska." Step E, Range 28 is \$5,260. Ch. 3 SLA 1980
1/1/81	Step F, Range 30 is \$6,183 Ch. 3 SLA 1980	Step F, Range 28 is \$5,770 Ch. 3 SLA 1980	Step E, Range 28 is \$5,575. Ch. 3 SLA 1980
3/16/82	Same	Same	Step E, Range 28 is \$5,843. Ch. 50 SLA 1982

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12/6/82	Step F, Range 30 is \$6,480 (\$77,760) Ch. 50 SLA 1982	Step F, Range 28 is \$6,047 (\$72,564) Ch. 50 SLA 1982	Same
1/1/83	Step F, Range 30 is \$6,804 Ch. 83 SLA 1983	Step F, Range 28 is \$6,349 Ch. 83 SLA 1983	Step E, Range 28 is \$6,135. Ch. 83 SLA 1983
7/16/85	"\$81,648 [Equal to Step F, Range 30, of the Salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska]." Step F, Range 30 in that schedule is adjusted to \$7,144. Ch. 87 SLA 1985	\$76,188 [Equal to Step F, Range 28, of the Salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska]." Step F, Range 28 in that schedule is adjusted to \$6,666. Ch. 87 SLA 1985	Step E, Range 28 is \$6,442. Ch. 87 SLA 1985 and compensatory payment of 3.5% of basic pay between December 16, 1984 and June 15, 1985.
1/1/90	Same	Same	Step E, Range 28 is \$6,655 From 1990 version of AS 39.20.080
1/1/91	Same	Same	Step E, Range 28 is \$6,987 From 1991 version of AS 39.20.080
7/1/96	Same	Same	Step E, Range 28 is \$7,085
7/1/97	Same	Same	Step E, Range 28 is \$7,191
7/1/98	Same	Same	Step E, Range 28 is \$7,234
7/1/01	\$83,280	\$77,712	Step E, Range 28 is \$7,379
7/1/02	\$85,776	\$80,040	Step E, Range 28 is \$7,600
7/1/05	Same	Same	Not less than Range 28 (A is \$7,003) nor more than Range 30 (F is \$8,973)
7/1/06	Same	Same	Not less than Range 28 (A is \$7,143) nor more than Range 30 (F is \$9,152)
12/4/06	\$125,000	\$100,000	Same
7/1/07	Same	Same	Not less than Range 28 (A is \$7,536) nor more than Range 30 (F is \$9,655)
7/1/08	Same	Same	Not less than Range 28 (A is \$7,762) nor more than Range 30 (F is \$9,945)