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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 244

“An Act providing that, during the governor's term of office, the duty station of the governor is Juneau, and prohibiting payment of certain travel allowances for use of the governor's personal residence.”

Senate Bill 244 will clarify state law regarding the governor's duty station and travel allowance. Currently in statute, there are no provisions that require the governor to reside in the capital city and occupy the governor's mansion during his or her term of office. The bill specifies that the governor's duty station, defined as the location where the governor spends the major portion of time assigned to fulfill the duties of office, is considered to be Juneau.

The proposed law does not prohibit the governor from maintaining a personal residence in another part of the state, but if he chooses to reside there and not in the governor's mansion, he will not be entitled to a travel allowance when away from the capital.

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