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Sectional Version D

Senate Bill 89 Ethic Amendments

Section 1. Replaces “lawful gratuity” with the word “gift”; and adds new language allowing compassionate gifts. This section also allows a legislator to use his or her legislative mailing list for nonlegislative purposes. **Advisory Opinion 04-01**

Section 2. Draws a bright line for legislators and legislative employee to follow for assisting constituents with problems they encounter with state agencies. Once an issue has been appealed to an administrative hearing officer, the legislator or legislative employee may no longer make contact with the agency, unless the person is licensed in the state for such representation and the income from that representation is reported under AS 24.60.100. This section protects a legislator or legislative employee from inadvertent ex parte contact and allows contact if the legislator or legislative employee is a party or witness to the matter. **Advisory Opinion 08-03**

Section 3. This provision establishes a clear distinction as to when a legislator or legislative employee can participate in partisan activities and not be engaging in a prohibited conduct. **Advisory Opinion 10-01**

Section 4. This provision establishes a clear distinction as to when a legislator or legislative employee can participate in partisan activities that involve fundraising. **Advisory Opinion 10-01**

Section 5. This provision establishes how information that is not exempt from disclosure by a legislator or legislative employee will be retained and disclosed. **Request of the Committee**

Section 6. Adds public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics to the statute that prohibits disclosure of confidential information. **Request of the Committee**

Section 7. Clarifies that a legislator or legislative employee may accept tickets for a Legislative Council sanctioned charity event or a gift from a sanctioned charity event from a lobbyist as long as it does not exceed \$250.00 in value. **Request of the Committee**

Section 8. Clarifies that persons who are not lobbyists can give a ticket or a gift in connection with a charitable event sanctioned by the Legislative Council to a legislator or legislative employee that has a value of \$250.00 or more. However, the recipient of the ticket must disclose to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics the value of the ticket that exceeds the \$250.00 limit. Extends the reporting period to 60 days. *Request of the Committee*

Section 9. Clarifies that if a legislator or legislative employee accepts tickets or a gift in connection with a charity event with a value of \$250 or more must be reported within 60 days. *Request of the Committee*

Section 10. Allows exceptions from filing a disclosure if it would violate the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Alaska, or any other state or federal law. **Advisory Opinion 94-07**

Section 11. Requires legislative volunteers and educational trainees to complete the legislative ethics class. *Request of the Committee*

Section 12. Adds alternate members to disqualification provisions. *Request of the Committee*

Section 13. Adding reference to new section AS 24.60.131.pertaining to alternates to the statute providing that if both members are disqualified, the presiding officer may appoint another member. *Request of the Committee*

Section 14. Completely rewrites the section for alternate members. Allows House Speaker, Senate President, and Chief Justice to appoint alternate members. If those members are disqualified all three can appoint an alternate to the alternate. *Request of the Committee*

Section 15. Adds legislative volunteer and educational trainee to the statute that requires people to complete the legislative ethics course. *Request of the Committee*

Section 16. Defines legislative employee.

Section 17. Defines state travel.

Section 18. Repeals that section of law that Section 14 replaces dealing with alternate members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.