



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

SB 89 Legislative Ethics Bill Summary of Version R

- Sec. 1. **Replaces** “lawful gratuity” with **“gift”** to make section of law consistent with the usage of “gift”.
- Sec. 2. **Bright line** for legislators or staff being actively involved in constituent problems with the State. Once the issue is assigned to an administrative hearing the involvement of the legislative office ceases. Exceptions are included for lawyers and provision for inadvertent exparte contact.
- Sec. 3. **Eliminates requirement** of committee to **compile lists of financial disclosure** statements. They must only maintain public records and forward them to chief clerk and senate secretary.
- Sec. 4. **Adds public members** to statute **prohibiting disclosure of confidential information.**
- Sec. 5. Clarifies that a **ticket to a charity event from a lobbyist**, or gifts received because of the ticket from a lobbyist **cannot exceed \$250.**
- Sec. 6. **Further describes “a contribution to a charity event”** by clarifying it could be a ticket to a charity event or a gift in connection with a charity event.
- Sec. 7. **Extend the reporting period** for gifts of travel for the purpose of obtaining information on legislative matters and disclosure of gifts from charitable events **from 30 days to 60 days.**
- Sec. 8. **Allows for exceptions from disclosure** under the legislative ethics law **if** it would be in **violation of the state or federal constitution or state or federal law.** **The State Affairs Committee added language that includes exceptions for disclosures for a rule, adopted formally by a trade or profession, that state or federal law requires the person to follow.** A written request with justification must be submitted to the committee.

- Sec. 9. Requires anyone who is a **volunteer or educational trainee for more than 30 days to take the ethics training.** **The 30 day guideline was added in State Affairs.**
- Sec. 10. Adds cite for new section on Alternate Members to statute describing the committee, its structure and its duties.
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- Sec. 12. This is a **new section describing the process for appointing alternates.** The section adds a **new provision that provides for the Chief Justice to appoint an alternate public member.**
- Sec. 13. **Adds legislative volunteers and educational trainees** who are in that capacity for **more than 30 days** to the statute requiring the Legislative ethics course. **The 30 day guideline was added in State Affairs.**
- Sec. 14. **Redefines** legislative employee.
- Sec. 15. **Repeals** old statute describing the process for appointing alternates.