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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

House Bill 44 ver U

Legislative Ethics: Voting & Conflicts

- Section 1:** Defines the conflict of interest standards under which a Legislator may vote on a particular issue. Conflict is defined as substantial benefit or harm to the financial interest of the legislator's immediate family member, the legislator's employer, an immediate family member's employer, a person with whom the legislator is negotiating employment, or from whom the legislator or immediate family member has received more than \$10,000 in income within the last 12 months.
- Exceptions to this include those outlined in Section 2, or while participating in public discussion or debate.
- Section 2:** A legislator may vote on a question in a committee but must declare a conflict of interest on the record in the committee and must request to abstain from voting on the floor if the legislator or an immediate family member has a substantial financial interest. A legislator may vote on an appropriations bill that meets the requirements of AS 37.07.020(a) or 37.07.100 (Executive Budget Act).
- Section 3:** Defines "substantially benefit or harm" as the effect on the person's financial interest being greater than the effect on the financial interest of a substantial class of persons to which the person belongs as a member of a profession, occupation, industry, or region.
- Section 4:** Defines "financial interest" as ownership of an interest or involvement in a business, property ownership, or relationship that is a source of income or financial benefit.
- Section 5:** Provides that this Act only takes effect upon passage of a resolution amending Uniform Rule 34(b).
- Section 6:** Provides for an effective date later than that of the resolution to Uniform Rule 34(b) referred to in Section 5.