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Explanation of Changes in Committee Substitute for CSSB15

Version B to G

Title Changes: The following has been added to the title in order to conform to changes and added provisions.

- And relating to the duties of the Alaska Public Offices Commission and the attorney general

Sec. 1 – AS 15.13 Page 1, Lines 5-14

Adds a new section AS 15.13.395 outlining the duties of the Alaska Public Offices Commission with regards to hearing and enforcing complaints of violations of section 4 of this bill AS 44.62.310(i). This section also excludes members of the commission from being subject to enforcement of AS 44.62.310(i) under this section.

Sec. 2 – AS 44.23.020 Page 2, Lines 1-10

Adds a new section outlining the duties of the Alaska Attorney General with regards to hearing and enforcing complaints of violations of section 4 of this bill AS 44.62.310(i) directed towards members of the Alaska Public Offices Commission.

Sec. 3– AS 44.62.310(h) Page 2 Lines 11-14

Is amended to define the terms “knowingly” and “public official.” Under this section, “knowingly” has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900(a)(2). “Public official” has the meaning given in AS 39.50.200(a)(9) but is changed to exclude “judicial officers” with regards to this bill.

Sec. 4– 44.62.310 Page 2, Lines 15-23

Is amended to add a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for elected or appointed members of a governmental body who knowingly attend a meeting that violates the Open Meetings Act. This section is changed to outline that the Alaska Public Offices Commission will enforce this penalty in all cases except when a member of the commission is accused of a violation. This section also explicitly excludes community councils from the types of governmental bodies subject to this section.

Sec. 5 – Page 2, Lines 24-29

Provides that the penalties added by this bill apply to offenses occurring on or after the effective date of this Act and is amended to conform to the addition of new sections of the bill.