

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Sectional Analysis for HB 255 (34-LS1126\I)

#### Section 1

Amends the statutory definition of “gambling” in **AS 11.66.280(3)** to explicitly exclude permanent fund dividend raffles authorized under AS 43.23.230 and AS 43.23.238.

#### Section 2

Updates the duties of the Department of Revenue outlined in **AS 43.23.055** to reflect administration of multiple PFD donation and raffle options, including prioritization of contributions when a donor’s elections exceed the amount of the dividend.

#### Sections 3-4-5-6: (Technical Conforming Changes)

#### Section 3

Updates existing statute **AS 43.23.230(a)** governing the education dividend raffle fund to conform with terminology and structure used throughout the bill.

#### Section 4

Reaffirms language in **AS 43.23.230(b)** governing voluntary PFD donations for education purposes and entry into the education dividend raffle.

#### Section 5

Reaffirms in **AS 43.23.230(c)** the allocation of education-related PFD donations between the education endowment fund, the education dividend raffle fund, and supplemental grants to school districts.

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## **Section 6**

Reaffirms provisions in **AS 43.23.230(d)**, which governs the annual raffle drawing and prize structure for the education dividend raffle.

## **Section 7**

Establishes the statutory authority in **AS 43.23.235** and **AS 43.23.238** for the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) Senior Citizen Grants Endowment Fund. It also creates the donation structure, raffle entry mechanism, grant allocation percentages and annual public drawing requirements for the Senior Citizen Grants Dividend Raffle Fund.

## **Section 8**

Specifies when the Act becomes effective if enacted: January 1, 2027.