

SENATE BILL NO. 184

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR FRENCH

Introduced: 4/7/09

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to public access to legislative committee meetings during regular**
2 **legislative sessions by Internet broadcast."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 24.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 24.05.186. Access to committee meetings by Internet broadcast.** Each
6 room that is regularly used during regular legislative sessions for meetings of
7 committees of the legislature shall be equipped with a fixed camera capable of
8 producing an audio and video feed without an operator once turned on. During regular
9 sessions of the legislature, each meeting of a standing, special, joint, or permanent
10 interim committee, except for executive sessions, that is held in a room with a fixed
11 camera shall be recorded and the live feed made immediately available to the public
12 through Internet broadcast so that the public may easily observe and listen to the
13 meeting while it is in progress. The electronic recordings produced by a fixed camera
14 under this section are not public records and are not required to be retained or stored.