

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(EDC)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/30/21**

**Referred: Community & Regional Affairs, Judiciary, State Affairs**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR REINBOLD**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to oaths of office; and requiring public officers to read the state**  
2 **constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the United States Constitution."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.12.090 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.12.090. Oath.** School board members, before taking office, shall **read**  
6 **the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the**  
7 **Constitution of the United States and** take and sign the following oath or  
8 affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the  
9 Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska and that I  
10 will honestly, faithfully, and impartially discharge my duties as a school board  
11 member to the best of my ability."

12 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 18.65.010(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) Each special officer shall carry identification issued by the commissioner  
14 of public safety and shall carry firearms in the manner the commissioner of public

1 safety requires. Each person appointed shall, after reading the Constitution of the  
2 State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the  
3 United States, take the constitutional oath of office. Persons appointed may hold other  
4 public or private employment.

5 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 22.05.090 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 22.05.090. Oath of office.** Each supreme court justice, upon entering  
7 office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration  
8 of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and subscribe to  
9 an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any further oath or  
10 affirmation that may be prescribed by law.

11 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 22.07.050 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 22.07.050. Oath of office.** Each judge of the court of appeals, upon  
13 entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the  
14 Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and  
15 subscribe to the oath or affirmation of office required of all officers under the  
16 constitution.

17 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 22.10.110 is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 22.10.110. Oath of office.** Each superior court judge, upon entering  
19 office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration  
20 of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and subscribe to  
21 an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any further oath or  
22 affirmation as may be prescribed by law.

23 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 22.15.180 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 22.15.180. Oath of office.** Each district judge and magistrate, upon  
25 entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the  
26 Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and  
27 subscribe to an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any  
28 further oath or affirmation that may be prescribed by law.

29 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 24.05.060 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 24.05.060. Disqualifications.** A person is not qualified for membership in  
31 the legislature who is disqualified to hold public office under the provisions of art.

1 XII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and as it may be implemented by law.  
 2 Each member of the legislature, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall,  
 3 **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of**  
 4 **Independence, and the Constitution of the United States,** take the oath of office  
 5 prescribed in art. XII, sec. 5, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and such further oath  
 6 or affirmation prescribed by law for members of the legislature or other officers of the  
 7 state.

8 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 29.20.600 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 29.20.600. Oaths of office.** Before taking office a municipal official shall,  
 10 **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of**  
 11 **Independence, and the Constitution of the United States,** affirm in writing that the  
 12 duties of the office will be honestly, faithfully, and impartially performed by the  
 13 official. The oath is filed with the municipal clerk.

14 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 39.05.040 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 39.05.040. Oaths for executive officers, boards.** The principal executive  
 16 officer of each department and the member of each board within the state government  
 17 shall, **after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of**  
 18 **Independence, and the Constitution of the United States,** take, sign, and file the  
 19 oath of office required by the constitution before entering upon the duties of office.

20 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 39.05.045 is amended to read:

21 **Sec. 39.05.045. Oaths for other employees.** A public officer or employee of  
 22 the state, before entering upon the duties of office, shall **read the Constitution of the**  
 23 **State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the**  
 24 **United States and** take and sign the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly  
 25 swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States  
 26 and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my  
 27 duties as ..... to the best of my ability."