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Sectional Analysis

CS SB 119 Oath of Office

“An act relating to oaths of office; and requiring public officers to read the state constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the United States Constitution”

Section 1. AS 14.12.090 is amended to include every school board member before taking office shall read the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, and take and sign an oath of affirmation.

Section 2. AS 18.65.010 (c) is amended to include every person appointed shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take the constitutional oath of office.

Section 3. AS 22.05.090 is amended to include each supreme court justice upon entering office shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and subscribe to an oath of office required by all officers and any further oath or affirmation that may be prescribed by law.

Section 4. AS 22.07.050 is amended to include each judge of the court of appeals, upon entering office shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation of office required of all officers under the constitution.

Section 5. AS 22.10.110 is amended to include each superior court judge upon entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and subscribe to an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any further oath or affirmation as may be prescribed by law.

Section 6. AS 22.15.180 is amended to include each district judge and magistrate, upon entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States take and subscribe to an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any further oath or affirmation that may be prescribed by law.

Section 7. AS 24.05.060 is amended to include each member of the legislature, before entering upon the duties of office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States take the oath of office prescribed in Art. XII Sec. 5, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and such further oath or affirmation prescribed by law for members of the legislature or other officers of the state.

Section 8. AS 29.20.600 is amended to include Municipal officials shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, affirm in writing that the duties of the office will be honestly, faithfully, and impartially performed by the official. The oath is filed with the municipal clerk.

Section 9. AS 39.05.040 is amended to include the principal executive officer of each department and the member of each board within the state government shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take, sign, and file the oath of office required by the constitution before entering upon the duties of office.

Section 10. AS 39.05.045 is amended to include a public officer or employee of the state, before entering upon the duties of office shall read the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States and take and sign the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as to the best of my ability."