



LAWS OF ALASKA

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AN ACT

Relating to public agency meetings.

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

* Section 1. AS 44.62.310(a) is amended to read:

(a) All meetings of a legislative body or of an administrative body, board, commission, committee, subcommittee, authority, council, agency, or other organization, including subordinate units of the above groups, of the state or any of its political subdivisions, including but not limited to municipalities, boroughs, school boards, and all other boards, agencies, assemblies, councils, departments, divisions, bureaus, commissions or organizations, advisory or otherwise, of the state or local government supported in whole or in part by public money or authorized to spend public money, are open to the public except as otherwise provided by this section.

* Sec. 2. AS 44.62.310(c)(1) is amended to read:

(1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government unit;

* Sec. 3. AS 44.62 is amended by adding a new section in Article 6 to read:

Sec. 44.62.312. STATE POLICY REGARDING MEETINGS.

(a) It is the policy of the state that

(1) the governmental units mentioned in sec. 310(a) of this chapter exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business;

(2) it is the intent of the law that actions of those units be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly;

(3) the people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them;

(4) the people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know;

(5) the people's right to remain informed shall be protected so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

(b) Sec. 310(b)(1) of this chapter shall be construed narrowly in order to effectuate the policy stated in (a) of this section and avoid unnecessary executive sessions.