

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 285

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOSES

Introduced: 4/12/95

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the amount of the homestead exemption and to the method
2 of changing amounts of exemptions."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 09.38.010(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) An individual is entitled to an exemption as a homestead of the individual's
6 interest in property in this state used as the principal residence of the individual or the
7 dependents of the individual, but the value of the homestead exemption may not
8 exceed \$150,000 [\$54,000].

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 09.38.010(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) If property owned by the entirety or in common is used by one or more
11 individual owners or their dependents as their principal residence, each owner is
12 entitled to a homestead exemption of that owner's interest in the property as provided
13 in (a) of this section. The aggregate value of multiple homestead exemptions
14 allowable with respect to a single living unit may not exceed \$150,000 [\$54,000]. If

1 there are multiple owners of property exempt as a homestead, the value of the
2 exemption of each individual owner may not exceed the individual owner's pro rata
3 portion of \$150,000 [\$54,000].

4 * **Sec. 3.** AS 09.38.115(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The dollar **amount of an exemption** [AMOUNTS] in this chapter **changes**
6 [CHANGE], as provided in this section, according to and to the extent of **the change**
7 [CHANGES] in the **annual average** Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers
8 for the Anchorage Metropolitan Area compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics,
9 United States Department of Labor (the index). The index for **the most recent year**
10 **that the amount of the exemption is established or amended by legislation other**
11 **than this section** [JANUARY OF 1982] is the reference base index.

12 * **Sec. 4.** AS 09.38.115(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) The dollar **amount of an exemption established by a statute other than**
14 **this section changes** [AMOUNTS CHANGE] on October 1 of each even-numbered
15 year if the percentage of change, calculated to the nearest whole percentage point,
16 between the index for **the preceding calendar** [JANUARY OF THAT] year and the
17 **reference base** [MOST RECENT] index **for** [USED TO CHANGE] the exemption
18 [AMOUNT,] is 10 percent or more, but **the**

19 (1) [THE] portion of the percentage change in the index in excess of
20 a multiple of 10 percent is disregarded and the dollar **amount of the exemption**
21 **changes** [AMOUNTS CHANGE] only in multiples of 10 percent of the **dollar amount**
22 [AMOUNTS APPEARING IN THIS CHAPTER ON AUGUST 26, 1982]; and

23 (2) [THE] dollar amounts do not change if the amounts required by this
24 section are those currently in effect as a result of earlier application of this section.