

**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 542(CRA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/11/96

Referred: STA, RES, FIN

Sponsor(s): HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries by  
2 members of the board; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to preserve and enhance the ability  
5 of the Board of Fisheries to act as a lay board. To accomplish this goal, this Act requires  
6 members of the board to participate in the issues that come before the board even though the  
7 members have a personal or financial interest in the matter by virtue of their participation in  
8 a fishery.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 39.52.120(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) In addition to other provisions of this section, a public officer who is a  
11 member of the [BOARD OF FISHERIES OR THE] Board of Game may not act on  
12 a matter before the board if the public officer has not disclosed in the manner set out  
13 in AS 39.52.220 all personal or financial interests in a business or organization relating  
14 to fish or game resources.

1     \* **Sec. 3.** AS 39.52.120 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

2             (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a public officer who  
3     is a member of the Board of Fisheries must participate in matters before the board  
4     even if the member has a personal or financial interest in the matter. Before  
5     participating, the member shall disclose the interest on the record. Disclosure under  
6     this subsection is not subject to AS 39.52.220. Participation in a matter before the  
7     board after disclosure is not considered to be a use of state facilities to benefit personal  
8     or financial interests under (b)(3) of this section. AS 39.52.240 does not apply to  
9     matters related to this subsection.

10    \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).