

SENATE BILL NO. 183

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act prohibiting the spouses and spousal equivalents of legislators from serving
2 as legislative lobbyists; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 24.45.161(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) This chapter does not apply to

6 (1) an individual

7 (A) who lobbies without payment of compensation or other
8 consideration and makes no disbursement or expenditure for or on behalf of a
9 public official to influence legislative or administrative action other than to pay
10 the individual's reasonable personal travel and living expenses; and

11 (B) who limits lobbying activities to appearances before public
12 sessions of the legislature, or its committees or subcommittees, or to public
13 hearings or other public proceedings of state agencies;

14 (2) an elected or appointed state or municipal public officer or an

1 employee of the state or a municipality acting in an official capacity or within the
2 scope of employment **except as provided in AS 24.45.165 for spouses and spousal**
3 **equivalents of legislators;**

4 (3) any newspaper or other periodical of general circulation, book
5 publisher, radio or television station (including an individual who owns, publishes, or
6 is employed by that newspaper or periodical, radio or television station) that publishes
7 news items, editorials, or other comments, or paid advertisements, that directly or
8 indirectly urge legislative or administrative action if the newspaper, periodical, book
9 publisher, radio or television station, or individual engages in no further or other
10 activities in connection with urging or advocating legislative or administrative action
11 other than to appear before public sessions of the legislature, or its committees or
12 subcommittees, or public hearings or other public proceedings of state agencies;

13 (4) a person who appears before the legislature or either house, or
14 standing, special, or interim committee, in response to an invitation issued under (c)
15 of this section.

16 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 Sec. 24.45.165. SPOUSES AND SPOUSAL EQUIVALENTS OF
18 LEGISLATORS. (a) A spouse or spousal equivalent of a legislator may not engage
19 in lobbying the legislature during the legislator's term of office.

20 (b) In this section,

21 (1) "engage in lobbying" means to act as a lobbyist;

22 (2) "spousal equivalent" means a person who is a legislator's spousal
23 equivalent living together with the legislator in a conjugal relationship that is not a
24 legal marriage.

25 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).