

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE AUSTERMAN

Introduced: 1/13/97

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

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).