

HOUSE BILL NO. 172

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE COWDERY

Introduced: 3/5/97

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the distribution and public inspection of the proposed budget**
2 **and general appropriation bill and of state agency program and financial plans."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Budget Disclosure Act.

5 *** Sec. 2.** AS 37.07.020(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The governor shall prepare and submit to the legislature before the fourth
7 legislative day a budget for the succeeding fiscal year which must cover all estimated
8 receipts, including all grants, loans, and money received from the federal government,
9 and all proposed expenditures of the state government. The budget submitted by the
10 governor shall be organized so that the proposed expenditures for each agency are
11 presented separately. The budget must be accompanied by a general appropriation bill
12 to authorize the proposed expenditures, and a bill or bills covering recommendations
13 in the budget for new or additional revenue. The proposed **budget and** general
14 appropriation bill shall become public information on December 15 of each year at

1 which time the governor shall submit copies to the legislature and make copies
2 available to the public at offices of the governor, state depository libraries, and
3 legislative information offices and electronically through the world wide web on
4 the internet. Each department of the executive branch shall maintain a copy of
5 the proposed budget for the department for public inspection at the headquarters
6 and regional offices of the department. Each division and agency of the executive
7 branch shall maintain a copy of the proposed budget for the division or agency
8 for public inspection at the headquarters of the division or agency.

9 * Sec. 3. AS 37.07.050(g) is amended to read:

10 (g) All goals and objectives, plans, programs, estimates, budgets, and other
11 documents forwarded to the office of management and budget by a state agency under
12 this section are public information after the date they are forwarded and shall be
13 made available to the public at offices of the governor, state depository libraries,
14 and legislative information offices and electronically through the world wide web
15 on the internet.