

SENATE BILL NO. 354

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to wills, intestacy, nonprobate transfers, and trusts; and
2 amending Rule 24, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 13.06 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 13.06.068. Choice of law; validity.** (a) Subject to the other provisions
6 of this section, the formal validity, intrinsic validity, effect, interpretation, revocation,
7 or alteration of a testamentary disposition of real property and the manner in which the
8 property descends at death when not disposed of by will are determined by the law of
9 the jurisdiction in which the land is situated.

10 (b) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the intrinsic validity, effect,
11 revocation, or alteration of a testamentary disposition of personal property and the
12 manner in which the property devolves at death when not disposed of by will are
13 determined by the law of the jurisdiction in which the decedent was domiciled at
14 death.

1 (c) A will disposing of personal property, wherever situated, or real property
2 situated in this state made within or outside this state by a domiciliary or
3 nondomiciliary of the state where the property is situated, is formally valid and
4 admissible to probate in this state if the will is in writing and signed by the testator
5 and otherwise executed and attested to under the local law of

6 (1) this state;

7 (2) the jurisdiction where the will was executed at the time of
8 execution; or

9 (3) the jurisdiction where the testator was domiciled, either at the time
10 of execution or at death.

11 (d) A testamentary disposition of personal property intrinsically valid under
12 the law of the jurisdiction where the testator was domiciled when the will was
13 executed is not affected by a subsequent change in the domicile of the testator to a
14 jurisdiction under the law of which the disposition is intrinsically invalid.

15 (e) The interpretation of a testamentary disposition of personal property shall
16 be made under the local law of the jurisdiction where the testator was domiciled when
17 the will was executed.

18 (f) Whether a testamentary disposition of personal property is effectively
19 revoked or altered by a subsequent testamentary instrument or by a physical act to or
20 on the will by which the testamentary disposition was made is determined by the local
21 law of the jurisdiction where the testator was domiciled when the subsequent
22 instrument was executed or the physical act performed.

23 (g) Subject to (d) - (f) of this section, the intrinsic validity, effect, revocation
24 or alteration of a testamentary disposition by which a power of appointment over
25 personal property is exercised and the question of whether the power has been
26 exercised at all are determined by

27 (1) in the case of a presently exercisable general power of appointment,
28 the local law of the jurisdiction where the donee of the power was domiciled at the
29 time of death;

30 (2) in the case of a general power of appointment exercisable by will
31 alone or a special power of appointment, the local law of the jurisdiction

1 (A) that the donor of the power expressly selected in the
2 governing instrument to govern the disposition; or

3 (B) where the donor of the power was domiciled at the time of
4 death if the donor did not expressly select in the governing instrument a
5 jurisdiction to govern the disposition.

6 (h) The formal validity of a will by which a power of appointment over
7 personal property is exercised is determined under (b) of this section on the basis that
8 the testator referred to in (b) of this section is the donee of the power.

9 (i) When a testator, who is not domiciled in this state at the time of death,
10 provides in the testator's will that the testator elects to have the disposition of the
11 testator's property situated in this state governed by the local law of this state, the
12 intrinsic validity, including the testator's general capacity, effect, interpretation,
13 revocation, or alteration of the provision, is determined by the local law of this state.
14 The formal validity of the will is determined under (b) of this section.

15 (j) Notwithstanding the definition of "real property", as set out in (l) of this
16 section, whether an estate in, leasehold of, fixture, mortgage, or other lien on land is
17 real property governed by (a) of this section or personal property governed by (b) of
18 this section is determined by the local law of the jurisdiction where the land is
19 situated.

20 (k) Notwithstanding the other provisions of AS 13.06 - AS 13.36, the
21 provisions of this section govern in AS 13.06 - AS 13.36.

22 (l) In this section,

23 (1) "effect" means the legal consequences attributed under the local law
24 of a jurisdiction to a valid testamentary disposition;

25 (2) "formal validity" means the formalities established by the local law
26 of a jurisdiction for the execution and attestation of a will;

27 (3) "interpretation" means the procedure of applying the law of a
28 jurisdiction to determine the meaning of language employed by the testator if the
29 testator's intention is not otherwise ascertainable;

30 (4) "intrinsic validity" means the rules of substantive local law by
31 which a jurisdiction determines the legality of a testamentary disposition, including the

1 general capacity of the testator;

2 (5) "local law" means the law that the courts of a jurisdiction apply
3 when adjudicating legal questions that are not related to another jurisdiction;

4 (6) "personal property" means property other than real property, and
5 includes tangible and intangible property;

6 (7) "real property" means land or an estate in land, and includes
7 leaseholds, fixtures, and mortgages or other liens on land;

8 (8) "testamentary disposition" means disposition under a will.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 13.12.401 is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 13.12.401. Applicable law.** Except as provided in AS 13.06.068,
11 AS 13.12.401 - 13.12.405 [AS 12.13.401 - 12.13.405] apply to the estate of a decedent
12 who dies domiciled in this state, and rights [. RIGHTS] to homestead allowance,
13 exempt property, and family allowance for a decedent who dies not domiciled in this
14 state are governed by the law of the decedent's domicile at death.

15 * **Sec. 3.** AS 13.12.502 is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 13.12.502. Execution; witnessed wills; holographic wills.** (a) Except
17 as provided in (b) of this section, AS 13.06.068, [AND IN] AS 13.12.506, and
18 13.12.513, a will must be

19 (1) in writing;

20 (2) signed by the testator or in the testator's name by another individual
21 in the testator's conscious presence and by the testator's direction; and

22 (3) signed by at least two individuals, each of whom signs within a
23 reasonable time after the witness witnesses either the signing of the will as described
24 in (2) of this subsection or the testator's acknowledgment of that signature or the will.

25 (b) Except as provided in AS 13.06.068, a [A] will that does not comply with
26 (a) of this section is valid as a holographic will, whether or not witnessed, if the
27 signature and material portions of the document are in the testator's handwriting.

28 * **Sec. 4.** AS 13.12.506 is amended to read:

29 **Sec. 13.12.506. Choice of law as to execution.** Except as provided by
30 AS 13.06.068, a [A] written will is valid if executed in compliance with AS 13.12.502
31 or if its execution complies with the law at the time of execution of the place where

1 the will is executed [,] or of the law of the place where, at the time of execution or
 2 at the time of death, the testator is domiciled, has a place of abode, or is a national.

3 * **Sec. 5.** AS 13.12.601 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 13.12.601. Scope.** Except as provided in AS 13.06.068, in [IN] the
 5 absence of a finding of a contrary intention, the rules of construction in AS 13.12.601
 6 - 13.12.609 control the construction of a will.

7 * **Sec. 6.** AS 13.12.703 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (b) The provisions of (a) of this section are subject to AS 13.06.068.

9 * **Sec. 7.** AS 13.12.912(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Except as provided by AS 13.06.068, a [A] will is valid as regards form,
 11 irrespective of the place where the will is made, of the location of the assets, and of
 12 the nationality, domicile, or residence of the testator, if the will is made in the form
 13 of an international will complying with the requirements of AS 13.12.912 - 13.12.921.

14 * **Sec. 8.** AS 13.16.175 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 13.16.175. Formal testacy proceedings; will construction; effect of**
 16 **final order in another jurisdiction.** Subject to AS 13.06.068, a [A] final order of
 17 a court of another state determining testacy, the validity, or construction of a will [,]
 18 made in a proceeding involving notice to and an opportunity for contest by all
 19 interested persons must be accepted as determinative by the courts of this state if it
 20 includes, or is based upon, a finding that the decedent was domiciled at death in the
 21 state where the order was made.

22 * **Sec. 9.** AS 13.36 is amended by adding a new section to read:

23 **Sec. 13.36.043. Change of situs to Alaska.** (a) The situs of a foreign trust
 24 is moved to this state when the trust satisfies AS 13.36.035(c) and a qualified person
 25 serving as trustee registers the trust under AS 13.36.010.

26 (b) If the situs of a foreign trust is moved to this state as provided in this
 27 section, a provision in the trust that restricts the transfer of trust assets in a manner
 28 similar to AS 34.40.110, that allows the trust to be perpetual, or that is not expressly
 29 prohibited by the law of this state is effective and enforceable under the laws of this
 30 state.

31 (c) A foreign trust that moves its situs to this state is valid whether or not the

1 trust complied with the laws of this state at the time of its creation or after its creation.

2 (d) In this section, "foreign trust" means a trust that is created in another state
3 or country and that is valid in that state or country.

4 * **Sec. 10.** AS 13.36.075 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 13.36.075. Trustee's standard of care and performance.** Except as
6 otherwise provided by the terms of the trust or by AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295, the
7 trustee shall observe the standards in dealing with the trust assets that would be
8 observed by a prudent **person** [MAN] dealing with the property of another, and, if the
9 trustee has special skills or is named trustee on the basis of representations of special
10 skills or expertise, the trustee is under a duty to use those skills.

11 * **Sec. 11.** AS 13.36.095(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) Subject to AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295, a [A] trustee is personally liable for
13 obligations arising from ownership or control of property of the trust estate or for torts
14 committed in the course of administration of the trust estate only if personally at fault.

15 * **Sec. 12.** AS 13.36 is amended by adding new sections to article 3 to read:

16 **Sec. 13.36.105. Powers attached to the office of trustee.** Unless otherwise
17 provided by the trust instrument, an amendment of the trust instrument, or a court
18 order, the powers of a trustee are attached to the office and are not personal.

19 **Sec. 13.36.107. General powers; fiduciary duties.** (a) Without authorization
20 by a court, a trustee may exercise the powers conferred by the terms of the trust and,
21 except as limited by the terms of the trust, the powers conferred by this chapter.

22 (b) This chapter does not affect the power of a court to

23 (1) relieve a trustee from provisions contained in the terms of the trust
24 that restrict the exercise of powers;

25 (2) confer on a trustee additional powers, whether or not the powers
26 are authorized by the terms of the trust; or

27 (3) restrict the exercise of a power otherwise given to the trustee by the
28 terms of the trust or this chapter.

29 (c) The grant of a power to a trustee, whether under the terms of the trust, this
30 chapter, or a court, does not alone govern the exercise of the power.

31 **Sec. 13.36.109. Specific powers of trustees.** Except as otherwise provided

1 by this chapter, in addition to the powers conferred by the terms of the trust, a trustee
2 may perform all actions necessary to accomplish the proper management, investment,
3 and distribution of the trust property, including the power

4 (1) to collect, hold, and retain trust property received from a settlor or
5 another person; the property may be retained even if it includes property in which the
6 trustee is personally interested;

7 (2) to accept additions to the property of the trust from a settlor or
8 another person;

9 (3) to continue or to participate in the operation of a business or other
10 enterprise that is part of the trust property and to effect an incorporation, dissolution,
11 or other change in the form of the organization of the business or enterprise;

12 (4) to acquire or dispose of property, for cash or on credit, at public or
13 private sale or by exchange;

14 (5) to manage, control, divide, develop, improve, exchange, partition,
15 change the character of, or abandon trust property;

16 (6) to encumber, mortgage, or pledge trust property for a term within
17 or extending beyond the term of the trust in connection with the exercise of a power
18 vested in the trustee;

19 (7) to make ordinary or extraordinary repairs, alterations, or
20 improvements in buildings or other trust property; to demolish improvements; and to
21 raze existing or erect new party walls or buildings;

22 (8) to subdivide or develop land; to dedicate land to public use; to
23 make or obtain the vacation of plats and to adjust boundaries; to adjust differences in
24 valuation on exchange or partition by giving or receiving consideration; and to dedicate
25 easements to public use without consideration;

26 (9) to enter into a lease for any purpose as lessor or lessee with or
27 without the option to purchase or renew and for a term within or extending beyond the
28 term of the trust;

29 (10) to enter into a lease or arrangement for exploration and removal
30 of gas, oil, or other minerals or geothermal energy; and to enter into a community oil
31 lease, a pooling agreement, or a unitization agreement;

1 (11) to grant an option involving disposition of trust property or to take
2 an option for the acquisition of property, including an option that is exercisable beyond
3 the duration of the trust;

4 (12) with respect to shares of stock of a domestic or foreign
5 corporation, a membership in a nonprofit corporation, or other property, to

6 (A) vote in person and to give proxies to exercise any voting
7 rights with respect to the shares, memberships, or property;

8 (B) waive notice of a meeting or to give consent to the holding
9 of a meeting; and

10 (C) authorize, ratify, approve, or confirm an action that could
11 be taken by shareholders, members, or property owners;

12 (13) to pay calls, assessments, and other sums chargeable to or accruing
13 against or on a securities account;

14 (14) to sell or exercise stock subscription or conversion rights;

15 (15) to consent, directly or through a committee or other agent, to the
16 reorganization, consolidation, merger, dissolution, or liquidation of a corporation or
17 other business enterprise; to participate in voting trusts, pooling arrangements, and
18 foreclosures; and, in connection with a reorganization, consolidation, merger,
19 dissolution, liquidation, voting trust, pooling arrangement, or foreclosure, to deposit
20 securities with, transfer title, and delegate discretion to a protective or other committee
21 as the trustee considers advisable;

22 (16) to deposit securities in a securities depository;

23 (17) to insure the property of the trust against damage or loss and to
24 insure the trustee against liability with respect to third persons;

25 (18) to borrow money for a trust purpose to be repaid from trust
26 property;

27 (19) to pay or contest a claim, to settle a claim by or against the trust
28 by compromise, arbitration, or otherwise, and to release, in whole or in part, a claim
29 belonging to the trust;

30 (20) to pay taxes, assessments, reasonable compensation of the trustee,
31 employees, and agents of the trust, and other expenses incurred in the collection, care,

1 administration, and protection of the trust;

2 (21) to make loans out of trust property to a beneficiary on terms and
3 conditions the trustee considers to be fair and reasonable under the circumstances and
4 to guarantee loans to the beneficiary by encumbrances on trust property;

5 (22) to pay an amount distributable to a beneficiary, whether or not the
6 beneficiary is under a legal disability, by paying the amount to the beneficiary or by
7 paying the amount to another person for the use or benefit of the beneficiary;

8 (23) to make a distribution of property and money in divided or
9 undivided interests, pro rata or otherwise, and to adjust resulting differences in
10 valuation;

11 (24) to employ accountants, attorneys, investment advisers, appraisers,
12 or other persons, even if they are associated or affiliated with the trustee, to advise or
13 assist the trustee in the performance of administrative duties;

14 (25) to inspect or investigate property that the trustee has been asked
15 to hold or property owned or operated by an entity in which the trustee holds or has
16 been asked to hold an interest for the purpose of determining the application of
17 environmental law to the property and to take action to prevent, abate, or otherwise
18 remedy an actual or potential violation of an environmental law affecting property held
19 directly or indirectly by the trustee;

20 (26) to establish for an asset a reserve for depreciation, depletion, or
21 obsolescence, and to decide, under law, how and in what proportions a receipt or
22 disbursement is to be credited, charged, or apportioned between principal and income;

23 (27) to execute and deliver instruments that are useful to accomplish
24 or facilitate the exercise of the trustee's powers; and

25 (28) to prosecute or defend an action, claim, or proceeding in order to
26 protect trust property and the trustee in the performance of the trustee's duties.

27 **Sec. 13.36.110. Liability of trustee relating to exercise of power.** A trustee
28 who has not joined another trustee in exercising a power is not liable to the
29 beneficiaries or to others for the consequences of the exercise of the power. A
30 dissenting trustee is not liable to the beneficiaries or to others for the consequences of
31 an act in which the dissenting trustee joins at the direction of the majority trustees if

1 the dissenting trustee expresses the dissenting trustee's dissent in writing to a co-trustee
 2 at or before the time of joinder. A trustee who is not authorized to exercise a power
 3 is not liable to the beneficiaries or to others for

4 (1) the exercise by a co-trustee of the power; or

5 (2) the failure to exercise the power.

6 **Sec. 13.36.120. Voting of corporate stock owned by trustee.** A trustee of
 7 a trust owning corporate stock is liable for a loss resulting to the beneficiaries from
 8 a failure to use reasonable care in deciding how to vote the stock and in voting the
 9 stock only if personally at fault.

10 **Sec. 13.36.125. Creation of trust bank account to pay special debts.**

11 Whenever a bank account is, by entries made on the books of the depositor and the
 12 bank at the time of the deposit, created exclusively for the purpose of paying
 13 dividends, interest, interest coupons, salaries, wages, or pensions or other employee
 14 benefits, and the depositor at the time of opening the account does not expressly
 15 declare otherwise, the depositor is considered a trustee of the account for the creditors
 16 to be paid from the account, subject to any power of revocation that the depositor may
 17 have reserved by agreement with the bank.

18 **Sec. 13.36.130. Failure of beneficiary to present claim for payment.** If a
 19 beneficiary for whom a trust bank account is created under AS 13.36.125 does not
 20 present the beneficiary's claim to the bank for payment within one year after the claim
 21 is due, the depositor who created the trust may revoke the trust as to the beneficiary.

22 **Sec. 13.36.135. Holding stock in name of nominee.** (a) A trustee of a trust
 23 owning stocks, bonds, notes, debentures, or other written obligations of a public or
 24 private corporation may hold the obligations in the name of a nominee, without
 25 mention of the trust in the records of the corporation or in the stock certificate or stock
 26 registration book of the corporation, if

27 (1) the trust records and all reports or accounts rendered by the trustee
 28 clearly show the ownership of the stocks, bonds, notes, debentures, or other written
 29 obligations of the public or private corporation by the trustee and the facts regarding
 30 the holding by the trustee; and

31 (2) the nominee deposits with the trustee a signed statement showing

1 the trust ownership, endorses the stock certificate or other title instruments for the
 2 obligations in blank, and does not have possession of or access to the stock certificate
 3 or other title instruments for the obligations except under the immediate supervision
 4 of the trustee.

5 (b) A trustee holding obligations under (a) of this section is personally liable
 6 for a loss to the trust resulting from an act of the nominee in connection with the
 7 stocks, bonds, notes, debentures, or other written obligations held under (a) of this
 8 section.

9 **Sec. 13.36.140. Loan of trust funds.** Except as provided in AS 13.36.145,
 10 a corporate trustee may not lend trust funds to itself or an affiliate, or to a director, an
 11 officer, or an employee of itself or an affiliate, and a noncorporate trustee may not
 12 lend trust funds to itself or to a relative, an employer, an employee, or a partner or
 13 other business associate.

14 **Sec. 13.36.145. Corporate trustee depositing trust funds with itself.** (a)
 15 A corporate trustee that is subject to regulation and supervision by state or federal
 16 authorities may deposit with itself trust funds that are being held out of necessity
 17 pending investment, distribution, or payment of debts if the corporate trustee

18 (1) pays into the trust for the deposit the interest the corporate trustee
 19 is required by state or federal law to pay on uninvested trust funds or, if there is not
 20 a state or federal law requiring the payment of interest, at the same rate of interest the
 21 corporate trustee pays on similar nontrust deposits; and

22 (2) maintains in its trust department as security for the deposit a
 23 separate fund consisting of securities that are legal for trust investments and that are
 24 at all times equal in total market value to the amount of the deposit, except that the
 25 security is not required to the extent that the deposit is insured or given a preference
 26 by state or federal law.

27 (b) The separate fund of securities required by (a)(2) of this section shall be
 28 marked as a separate fund for (a)(2) of this section. Withdrawals from or additions
 29 to the separate fund may be made from time to time, as long as the required value is
 30 maintained. The income of the securities in the separate fund belongs to the corporate
 31 trustee. In the statements of its financial condition published or delivered to the

1 division of banking, securities, and corporations in the Department of Commerce and
 2 Economic Development, the corporate trustee shall show as separate items the amount
 3 of trust funds that it has deposited with itself and the amount of securities that it holds
 4 as security for the payment of the deposits.

5 **Sec. 13.36.150. Trustee buying from or selling to itself.** (a) A trustee,
 6 unless expressly authorized by the trust instrument, may not directly or indirectly lease,
 7 buy, or sell property for the trust from or to

8 (1) itself or an affiliate;

9 (2) a director, an officer, or an employee of the trustee or an affiliate;

10 or

11 (3) a relative, an employer, or a partner or other business associate.

12 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section or another law to the contrary, a trustee
 13 may lease, buy, or sell property, including a lease, purchase, or sale in the
 14 establishment of a trust service office, from or to the trust the trustee represents as a
 15 trustee if specifically authorized to make the lease, purchase, or sale in a decedent's
 16 will or in the instrument creating the trustee relationship.

17 **Sec. 13.36.155. Permitted sales between trusts held by same corporate**
 18 **trustee.** If the transaction is fair to both trusts and if the transaction is not prohibited
 19 by the instruments creating the trustee relationship, a corporate trustee may sell to
 20 itself as trustee of a trust the following held by the corporate trustee as trustee for
 21 another trust:

22 (1) stocks, bonds, and other securities listed on a securities exchange
 23 supervised by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; and

24 (2) obligations of the United States treasury and obligations of United
 25 States government agencies.

26 **Sec. 13.36.157. Trustee's special power to appoint to other trust.** (a)
 27 Unless the terms of the instrument expressly provide otherwise, a trustee who has the
 28 absolute discretion under the terms of a testamentary instrument or irrevocable inter
 29 vivos agreement to invade the principal of a trust for the benefit of the beneficiary who
 30 is eligible or entitled to the income of the trust may exercise without prior court
 31 approval the trustee's discretion by appointing part or all of the principal of the trust

1 in favor of a trustee of a trust under an instrument other than that under which the
2 power to invade was created if the exercise of this discretion

3 (1) does not reduce any fixed income interest of an income beneficiary
4 of the trust;

5 (2) is in favor of the beneficiary of the trust; and

6 (3) does not violate the limitations on validity under AS 34.27.050(a).

7 (b) This section applies to a trust governed by the laws of this state, including
8 a trust whose governing jurisdiction is transferred to this state.

9 (c) The exercise of the power to invade the principal of a trust under (a) of
10 this section is considered to be the exercise of a special power of appointment.

11 **Sec. 13.36.160. Corporate trustee buying its own stock.** A corporate trustee
12 may not purchase for a trust shares of its own stock, or its bonds, or other securities,
13 or the stock, bonds, or other securities of an affiliate.

14 **Sec. 13.36.165. Withdrawals from mingled trust funds.** If a person who is
15 a trustee of two or more trusts mingles the funds of two or more trusts in the same
16 aggregate of cash or in the same bank or brokerage account or other investment, and
17 if a withdrawal is made from the cash aggregate, account, or investment by the trustee
18 for the trustee's own benefit, for the benefit of a third person who is not a beneficiary
19 or creditor of one or more of the trusts, or for an unknown purpose, the withdrawal
20 must be charged first to the amount of the personal cash, credit, or other property, if
21 any, of the trustee in the mingled fund, and, after the exhaustion of the trustee's cash,
22 credit, or other property, then to the several trusts in proportion to their several
23 interests in the cash, credit, or other property in the cash aggregate, account, or
24 investment at the time of the withdrawal.

25 **Sec. 13.36.170. Unenforceable oral trust created by deed.** (a) When an
26 interest in real property is conveyed by deed to a person in a trust that is unenforceable
27 under AS 09.25.010 - 09.25.020 and the intended trustee or the trustee's successor in
28 interest holds title but refuses to carry out the trust because of AS 09.25.010 -
29 09.25.020, the intended trustee or the trustee's successor in interest, except to the
30 extent that the successor in interest is a bona fide purchaser of a legal interest in the
31 real property, shall convey the interest in real property to the settlor or the settlor's

1 successor in interest. A court having jurisdiction may prescribe the conditions for
 2 conveying the interest to the settlor or the settlor's successor in interest.

3 (b) If the intended trustee of an unenforceable trust under (a) of this section
 4 transfers part or all of the trustee's interest and the interest is transferred to a bona fide
 5 purchaser, the intended trustee is liable to the settlor or the settlor's successor in
 6 interest for the value, at the time of the transfer, of the interest transferred, less any
 7 offsets that a court determines to be equitable.

8 **Sec. 13.36.175. Action on contract against trustee in representative**
 9 **capacity.** (a) When a trustee makes a contract that is within the trustee's powers as
 10 trustee or when a predecessor trustee has made a contract within the predecessor
 11 trustee's powers as trustee and a cause of action arises on the contract, the party in
 12 whose favor the cause of action has accrued may collect the judgment by execution
 13 on the trust property.

14 (b) In an action under this section, the plaintiff is not required to prove that
 15 the trustee could have been reimbursed from the trust fund if the trustee had paid the
 16 plaintiff's claim.

17 (c) A beneficiary or, in the case of a charitable trust, the attorney general and
 18 a corporation that is a beneficiary or agent in the performance of the charitable trust,
 19 may intervene in an action under this section and contest the right of the plaintiff to
 20 recover.

21 (d) A judgment may not be rendered in favor of the plaintiff in an action under
 22 this section unless the plaintiff proves that, within 30 days after the beginning of the
 23 action or within another period set by the court and more than 30 days before
 24 obtaining the judgment, the plaintiff has notified each of the beneficiaries who is
 25 known to the trustee and who then has a present interest in the existence and nature
 26 of the action, or, in the case of a charitable trust, the attorney general of this state and
 27 a corporation that is a beneficiary or agent in the performance of the charitable trust.
 28 The notice shall be given by mailing copies of the notice with postage prepaid to the
 29 beneficiaries at their last known addresses. The trustee shall furnish the plaintiff with
 30 a list of names and addresses of the beneficiaries within 10 days after the plaintiff
 31 makes a written demand for the list. Notification of the persons on the list constitutes

1 compliance with the duty placed on the plaintiff by this section.

2 (e) The plaintiff in an action under this section may also hold the trustee who
 3 made the contract personally liable on the contract if the contract does not exclude the
 4 trustee's personal liability. In a contract action under this section, the addition of the
 5 word "trustee" or the words "as trustee" after the signature of a trustee to a contract
 6 constitutes prima facie evidence of an intent to exclude the trustee from personal
 7 liability, and the addition of the words "and not individually" following the word
 8 "trusts" or the words "as trustee" after the signature of a trustee to a contract
 9 constitutes irrebuttable evidence of an intent to exclude the trustee from personal
 10 liability, and the trustee is not personally liable under the contract.

11 **Sec. 13.36.180. Exoneration or reimbursement for tort.** (a) A trustee who
 12 has incurred personal liability for a tort committed in the administration of the trust
 13 is entitled to exoneration for the liability from the trust property if the trustee has not
 14 discharged the claim, or to reimbursement for the liability out of trust funds if the
 15 trustee has paid the claim, if

16 (1) the tort was a common incident of the kind of business activity in
 17 which the trustee was properly engaged for the trust; or

18 (2) although the tort was not a common incident under (1) of this
 19 subsection, the trustee or an officer or employee of the trustee was not guilty of
 20 personal fault in incurring the liability.

21 (b) If a trustee commits a tort that increases the value of the trust property, the
 22 trustee is entitled to exoneration or reimbursement with respect to the tort to the extent
 23 of the increase in value, even though the trustee would not otherwise be entitled to
 24 exoneration or reimbursement.

25 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to change the existing law with
 26 regard to the liability of trustees of charitable trusts for torts of the trustees or their
 27 employees.

28 **Sec. 13.36.185. Tort liability of trust.** (a) If a trustee or a predecessor of the
 29 trustee incurs personal liability for a tort committed in the course of the trustee's
 30 administration, the trustee in the trustee's representative capacity may be sued and
 31 collection made from the trust property if the court determines in the tort action that

1 (1) the tort was a common incident of the kind of business activity in
2 which the trustee or the trustee's predecessor was properly engaged for the trust;

3 (2) although the tort was not a common incident under (1) of this
4 subsection, the trustee or the trustee's predecessor, or an officer or employee of the
5 trustee or the trustee's predecessor, was not guilty of personal fault in incurring the
6 liability; or

7 (3) although the tort does not fall under (1) or (2) of this subsection,
8 the tort increased the value of the trust property.

9 (b) If the tort is within (a)(1) or (2) of this section, the full amount of proven
10 damages may be collected from the trust property.

11 (c) If the tort is within (a)(3) of this section, collection may not be made from
12 the trust property except to the extent of the increase in the value of the trust property.

13 (d) A beneficiary may intervene in an action under this section and contest the
14 right of the plaintiff to recover.

15 (e) In an action against the trustee in the trustee's representative capacity under
16 this section, the plaintiff is not required to prove that the trustee could have secured
17 reimbursement from the trust fund if the trustee paid the plaintiff's claim.

18 (f) A judgment may not be rendered in favor of the plaintiff in an action under
19 this section unless the trustee proves that within 30 days after the beginning of the
20 action, or within another period set by the court and more than 30 days before
21 obtaining the judgment, the trustee notifies each of the beneficiaries who is known to
22 the trustee who then has a present interest in the existence and nature of the action.
23 The notice shall be given by mailing copies of the notice with postage prepaid to the
24 beneficiaries at their last known addresses. The trustee shall furnish the plaintiff with
25 a list of names and address of the beneficiaries within 10 days after the plaintiff makes
26 a written demand for the list. Notification of the persons on the list constitutes
27 compliance with the duty placed on the plaintiff by this subsection.

28 (g) Nothing in this section may be construed to change the existing law with
29 regard to the liability of trustees of charitable trusts for torts of the trustees or their
30 employees.

31 **Sec. 13.36.190. Personal liability for tort committed by trustee.** A trustee

1 may be held personally liable for a tort committed by the trustee, or by the trustee's
 2 agents or employees in the course of their agency or employment, subject to the rights
 3 of exoneration or reimbursement under AS 13.36.180.

4 **Sec. 13.36.195. Power of settlor of trust.** (a) The settlor of a trust affected
 5 by AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295 may, by provision in the instrument creating the trust if
 6 the trust is created by a writing, by oral statement to the trustee at the time of the
 7 creation of the trust if the trust is created orally, or by an amendment of the trust if the
 8 settlor reserved the power to amend the trust,

9 (1) relieve the trustee from any or all of the duties, restrictions, and
 10 liabilities that would otherwise be imposed on the trustee by AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295;

11 (2) alter or deny to the trustee any or all of the privileges and powers
 12 conferred on the trustee by AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295; or

13 (3) add duties, restrictions, liabilities, privileges, or powers, to those
 14 imposed or granted by AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295.

15 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, an act of the settlor may not relieve a
 16 trustee from the duties, restrictions, and liabilities imposed on the trustee by
 17 AS 13.36.140, 13.36.145, or 13.36.150.

18 **Sec. 13.36.200. Power of beneficiary of trust.** A beneficiary of a trust
 19 affected by AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295 may, if the beneficiary has full legal capacity
 20 and acts on full information, by written instrument delivered to the trustee, relieve the
 21 trustee, as regards the beneficiary, from any or all of the duties, restrictions, and
 22 liabilities that would otherwise be imposed on the trustee by AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295,
 23 except for the duties, restrictions, and liabilities imposed by AS 13.36.140 - 13.36.150.
 24 The beneficiary may release the trustee from liability to the beneficiary for past
 25 violations of AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295.

26 **Sec. 13.36.205. Relieving trustee of duties; power of the court.** A court of
 27 competent jurisdiction may, for cause shown and on notice to the beneficiaries, relieve
 28 a trustee from any or all of the duties and restrictions that would otherwise be placed
 29 on the trustee by AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295 or wholly or partly excuse a trustee who
 30 has acted honestly and reasonably from liability for violations of AS 13.36.105 -
 31 13.36.295.

1 **Sec. 13.36.210. Liability for violations.** If a trustee violates a provision of
 2 AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295, the trustee may be removed as trustee and denied
 3 compensation in whole or in part, and a beneficiary, co-trustee, or successor trustee
 4 may treat the violation as a breach of trust.

5 **Sec. 13.36.290. Definitions.** In AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295, unless the context
 6 or subject matter otherwise requires,

7 (1) "affiliate" means a person directly or indirectly controlling or
 8 controlled by another person or a person under direct or indirect common control with
 9 another person, including a person with whom a trustee has an express or implied
 10 agreement regarding the purchase of trust investments by each from the other, directly
 11 or indirectly, except a broker or stock exchange;

12 (2) "relative" means a spouse, ancestor, descendant, brother, or sister;

13 (3) "trust" means an express trust only;

14 (4) "trustee" includes a trustee that is a corporation or a natural person
 15 and a successor or substitute trustee.

16 **Sec. 13.36.295. Short title.** AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295 may be cited as the
 17 Alaska Trusts Act.

18 * **Sec. 13.** AS 13.36.310 is amended to read:

19 **Sec. 13.36.310. Challenges to trusts.** Except as provided in AS 34.40.110,
 20 a trust that is covered by AS 13.36.035(c) or that is otherwise governed by the laws
 21 of this state, or a property transfer to a trust that is covered by AS 13.36.035(c) or that
 22 is otherwise governed by the laws of this state, is not void, voidable, liable to be set
 23 aside, defective in any fashion, or questionable as to the settlor's capacity, on the
 24 grounds that the trust or transfer avoids or defeats a right, claim, or interest conferred
 25 by law on a person by reason of a personal or business relationship with the settlor or
 26 by way of a marital or similar right. [IN THIS SECTION, "SETTLOR" MEANS A
 27 PERSON WHO TRANSFERS PROPERTY IN TRUST; "SETTLOR" INCLUDES A
 28 PERSON WHO FURNISHES THE PROPERTY TRANSFERRED TO A TRUST
 29 EVEN IF THE TRUST IS CREATED BY ANOTHER PERSON.]

30 * **Sec. 14.** AS 13.36.310 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

31 (b) If a trust or a property transfer to a trust is voided or set aside under (a)

1 of this section, then the trust or property transfer shall be voided or set aside only to
 2 the extent necessary to satisfy the settlor's debt to the creditor or other person at whose
 3 instance the trust or property transfer is voided or set aside and the costs and attorney
 4 fees allowed under the rules of court.

5 (c) If a trust or a property transfer to a trust is voided or set aside under (a)
 6 of this section, and if the court is satisfied that the trustee has not acted in bad faith
 7 in accepting or administering the property that is the subject of the trust,

8 (1) the trustee has a first and paramount lien against the property that
 9 is the subject of the trust in an amount equal to the entire cost, including attorney fees,
 10 properly incurred by the trustee in a defense of the action or proceedings to void or
 11 set aside the trust or the property transfer;

12 (2) the trust or property transfer that is voided or set aside is subject
 13 to the proper fees, costs, preexisting rights, claims, and interest of the trustee and any
 14 predecessor trustee that have not acted in bad faith; and

15 (3) the beneficiary, including the settlor, may retain a distribution made
 16 by exercising a trust power or discretion vested in the trustee of the trust, if the power
 17 or discretion was properly exercised before the commencement of the action or
 18 proceeding to void or set aside the trust or property transfer.

19 * **Sec. 15.** AS 13.36 is amended by adding new sections to read:

20 **Sec. 13.36.320. Nonqualified persons serving as trustees.** (a) If at least one
 21 qualified person serves as trustee of a trust whose state jurisdiction provision is valid,
 22 effective, and conclusive under AS 13.36.035(c), then the following persons also may
 23 serve as trustees even though they are not qualified persons:

24 (1) individuals who do not reside in Alaska;

25 (2) trust companies that have their principal place of business outside
 26 of Alaska and that are not organized under AS 06.25; and

27 (3) banks that have their principal place of business outside of Alaska
 28 or that are not organized under AS 06.05.

29 (b) Notwithstanding other provisions of law to the contrary, a trustee who is
 30 not a qualified person is not considered to be engaging in business in this state solely
 31 by reason of serving as trustee of a trust whose state jurisdiction provision is valid,

1 effective, and conclusive under AS 13.36.035(c).

2 **Sec. 13.36.330. Penalty clause.** A provision in an inter vivos or testamentary
3 trust purporting to penalize a beneficiary by charging the beneficiary's interest in the
4 trust, or to penalize the beneficiary in another manner, for instituting a proceeding to
5 challenge the acts of the trustee or other fiduciary of a trust, or for instituting other
6 proceedings relating to the trust, is enforceable even if probable cause exists for
7 instituting the proceedings.

8 * **Sec. 16.** AS 13.36.390 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

9 (3) "settlor" means a person who transfers property in trust and includes
10 a person who furnishes the property transferred to a trust even if the trust is created
11 by another person.

12 * **Sec. 17.** AS 13.38.060 is repealed and reenacted to read:

13 **Sec. 13.38.060. Bonds, obligations, and other property; premium and**
14 **discount.** (a) A bond or other obligation for the payment of money is principal at its
15 inventory value except as provided in (b) of this section. The trustee may not make
16 a provision for amortization of a premium or for accumulation for discount.

17 (b) Except to the extent otherwise provided in the governing instrument, an
18 increase in the value of the following above inventory value is distributable as income:

19 (1) a zero coupon bond;

20 (2) an annuity contract before annuitization;

21 (3) a life insurance contract before the death of the insured;

22 (4) an interest in a common trust fund; in this paragraph, "common
23 trust fund" has the meaning given in 26 U.S.C. 584 (Internal Revenue Code);

24 (5) an interest in a limited liability company, limited liability
25 partnership, or a limited partnership; and

26 (6) another obligation for the payment of money if the money is
27 payable at a future time under a fixed, variable, or discretionary schedule of
28 appreciation and if the payment exceeds the price at which the obligation was issued.

29 (c) The increase in value of the obligations described in (b) of this section is
30 distributable to the beneficiary who was the income beneficiary at the time of the
31 increase. The increase is distributable from the first cash available from the principal

1 or, if cash is not available from the principal, when cash is first available from the
 2 principal due to a sale, a redemption, or another disposition. When an unrealized
 3 increase is distributed as income from principal, the principal shall be reimbursed when
 4 the increase is realized.

5 (d) In this section, the increase in value of an obligation described in (b) of
 6 this section is not available for distribution unless the trustee receives cash on account
 7 of the obligation.

8 (e) Notwithstanding a provision in this section to the contrary, a distribution
 9 from a partnership or limited liability company attributable to the cash flow or income
 10 derived from operations regularly carried on by the partnership or limited liability
 11 company is income, except to the extent otherwise provided in the governing
 12 instrument.

13 * **Sec. 18.** AS 13.41.005 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 13.41.005. Application.** Except as provided by AS 13.06.068, this
 15 [THIS] chapter applies to the disposition at death of the following property acquired
 16 by a married person:

17 (1) all personal property, wherever situated,

18 (A) that was acquired as or became, and remained, community
 19 property under the laws of another jurisdiction; or

20 (B) all or the proportionate part of which was acquired with the
 21 rents, issues, or income of, or the proceeds from, or in exchange for, that
 22 community property; or

23 (C) traceable to that community property;

24 (2) all or the proportionate part of any real property situated in this
 25 state that was acquired with the rents, issues, or income of, the proceeds from, or in
 26 exchange for, property acquired as or that [WHICH] became, and remained,
 27 community property under the laws of another jurisdiction, or property traceable to that
 28 community property.

29 * **Sec. 19.** AS 13.41.010 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 13.41.010. Rebuttable presumptions.** Subject to AS 13.06.068, in [IN]
 31 determining whether this chapter applies to specific property, the following rebuttable

1 presumptions apply:

2 (1) property acquired during marriage by a spouse of that marriage
3 while domiciled in a jurisdiction under whose laws property could then be acquired as
4 community property is presumed to have been acquired as or to have become, and
5 remained, property to which this chapter applies; and

6 (2) real property situated in this state and personal property wherever
7 situated acquired by a married person while domiciled in a jurisdiction under whose
8 laws property could not then be acquired as community property, title to which was
9 taken in a form that created rights of survivorship, **are** [IS] presumed not to be
10 property to which this chapter applies.

11 * **Sec. 20.** AS 34.40.110(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) A **cause of action or claim for relief** [PERSON MAY NOT BRING AN
13 ACTION] with respect to a **fraudulent transfer** [CLAIM ALLOWED] under (b)(1)
14 of this section, **or under other law, is extinguished unless the action is brought as**
15 **to a person who** [IF THE PERSON]

16 (1) is a creditor when the trust is created, [UNLESS THE ACTION IS
17 BROUGHT] within the later of

18 (A) four years after the transfer is made; or

19 (B) one year after the transfer is or reasonably could have been
20 discovered by the person; or

21 (2) becomes a creditor subsequent to the transfer **into trust,** [UNLESS
22 THE ACTION IS BROUGHT] within four years after the transfer is made.

23 * **Sec. 21.** AS 34.40.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (f) If a trust contains a transfer restriction allowed under (a) of this section, the
25 transfer restriction prevents a creditor existing when the trust is created, a person who
26 subsequently becomes a creditor, or another person from asserting any cause of action
27 or claim for relief against a trustee of the trust or against others involved in the
28 preparation or funding of the trust for conspiracy to commit fraudulent conveyance,
29 aiding and abetting a fraudulent conveyance, or participation in the trust transaction.
30 The creditor and other person prevented from asserting a cause of action or claim for
31 relief is limited to recourse against the trust assets and the settlor to the extent allowed

1 under AS 34.40.010.

2 * **Sec. 22.** AS 13.36.035(e) and 13.36.095(a) are repealed.

3 * **Sec. 23.** COURT RULES. (a) AS 13.36.175(c), enacted by sec. 12 of this Act, changes
4 Rule 24, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, by allowing a beneficiary, or the attorney general
5 and certain corporations under certain circumstances, to intervene in an action on a contract
6 against a trustee without satisfying the criteria in the court rule.

7 (b) AS 13.36.185(d), enacted by sec. 12 of this Act, changes Rule 24, Alaska Rules
8 of Civil Procedure, by allowing a beneficiary to intervene in a tort action against a trust
9 without satisfying the criteria in the court rule.

10 * **Sec. 24.** AS 13.06.068, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, does not apply to a will except for
11 the will of a person dying on or after the effective date of this Act.

12 * **Sec. 25.** AS 13.36.043, enacted by sec. 9 of this Act, AS 13.36.105 - 13.36.295, enacted
13 by sec. 12 of this Act, AS 13.36.310, amended by secs. 13 and 14 of this Act, AS 13.36.320
14 and 13.36.330, enacted by sec. 15 of this Act, and AS 13.36.390(3), enacted by sec. 16 of this
15 Act, apply only to

16 (1) testamentary trusts created by wills, or codicils, of persons dying on or
17 after the effective date of this Act regardless of when the trusts and codicils are executed;

18 (2) nontestamentary trusts created on or after the effective date of this Act; and

19 (3) testamentary or nontestamentary trusts that are registered or reregistered
20 after the effective date of this Act if the registrations state that the trusts will be governed by
21 this Act.

22 * **Sec. 26.** AS 13.38.060, as amended by sec. 17 of this Act, does not apply to a trust
23 unless the trust is created on or after the effective date of this Act.

24 * **Sec. 27.** AS 13.36.175(c) and 13.36.185(d), enacted by sec. 12 of this Act, take effect
25 only if sec. 23 of this Act receives the two-thirds majority vote of each house required by art.
26 IV, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska.