

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 286(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/23/00

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the duties and powers of the attorney general."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 44.23.020(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The attorney general shall

5 **(1) defend the Constitution of the State of Alaska;**

6 **(2) [(1)] bring, prosecute, and defend all necessary and proper actions**
7 in the name of the state for the collection of revenue;

8 **(3) [(2)] represent the state in all civil actions in which the state is a**
9 party;

10 **(4) [(3)] prosecute all cases involving violation of state law, and file**
11 **informations and prosecute all offenses against the revenue laws and other state laws**
12 **where there is no other provision for their prosecution;**

13 **(5) [(4)] administer state legal services, including the furnishing of**
14 **written legal opinions to the governor, the legislature, and all state officers and**
15 **departments as the governor directs; and give legal advice on a law, proposed law, or**

1 proposed legislative measure upon request by the legislature or a member of the
2 legislature;

3 (6) [(5)] draft legal instruments for the state;

4 (7) [(6)] make available a report to the legislature, through the
5 governor, at each regular legislative session

6 (A) of the work and expenditures of the office; and

7 (B) on needed legislation or amendments to existing law;

8 (8) [(7)] perform all other duties required by law [OR WHICH
9 USUALLY PERTAIN TO THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL IN A STATE];
10 and

11 (9) [(8)] prepare, publish, and revise as it becomes useful or necessary
12 to do so an information pamphlet on landlord and tenant rights and the means of
13 making complaints to appropriate public agencies concerning landlord and tenant
14 rights; the contents of the pamphlet and any revision shall be approved by the
15 Department of Law, division of consumer protection, before publication.

16 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.23.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 (d) The attorney general may, subject to the power of the legislature to enact
18 laws and make appropriations, settle actions, cases, and offenses under (b) of this
19 section in which the attorney general represents the state and in which the state is a
20 party.