

**HOUSE BILL NO. 558**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 4/22/04**  
**Referred: Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the creation of a civil legal services fund."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 37.05.146(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (78) civil legal services fund (AS 37.05.590).

5 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 37.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 37.05.590. Civil legal services fund.** The civil legal services fund is  
7 established as a special account in the general fund. The fund consists of  
8 appropriations to it. Annually, the legislature may appropriate to the fund the amount  
9 deposited into the general fund of the state under AS 09.17.020(j). The legislature  
10 may make appropriations from the fund to organizations that provide civil legal  
11 services to low-income individuals. Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund.  
12 In this section, "low-income individual" means an individual with an income equal to  
13 or less than the federal poverty guidelines for Alaska set by the United States  
14 Department of Health and Human Services.