

HOUSE BILL NO. 561

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

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/29/04
Referred: Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds in a**
2 **principal amount of not more than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of state**
3 **transportation projects; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. For the purpose of paying the cost of state
8 transportation projects, general obligation bonds of the state in the principal amount of not
9 more than \$1,000,000, if ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on
10 the question, shall be issued and sold. The full faith, credit, and resources of the state are
11 pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on
12 the bonds. The bonds shall be issued under the provisions of AS 37.15 as those provisions
13 read at the time of issuance.

14 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND. If the issuance of the bonds described in
3 sec. 1 of this Act is ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the
4 question, a special fund of the state to be known as the "transportation project fund" shall be
5 established, to which shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1
6 of this Act except for the accrued interest and premiums.

7 * **Sec. 3.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
8 read:

9 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ALLOCATION. (a) The amount of \$1,000,000 is
10 appropriated from the transportation project fund to the Department of Transportation and
11 Public Facilities to be allocated among the transportation projects identified by law in the
12 amounts set out in law subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with
13 AS 37.07.080(e).

14 * **Sec. 4.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
15 read:

16 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds under sec. 1 of this Act is
17 ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount
18 of \$5,000 or as much of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the general
19 fund of the state to the state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay
20 expenses incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in sec. 1 of this Act. The
21 amounts expended from the appropriation authorized by this section shall be reimbursed to
22 the general fund from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by sec. 1 of this Act.

23 * **Sec. 5.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
24 read:

25 ADVANCE PLANNING. The amount withdrawn from the public facility planning
26 fund (AS 35.10.135) for the purpose of advance planning for the capital improvements
27 financed under sec. 3 of this Act shall be reimbursed to the fund from the proceeds of the sale
28 of bonds authorized by sec. 1 of this Act.

29 * **Sec. 6.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
30 read:

31 LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated

1 balance of the appropriation made in sec. 3 of this Act lapses under AS 37.25.020 and is
 2 appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under sec. 1 of this Act. The
 3 amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest and redemption
 4 premium on bonds issued under sec. 1 of this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund
 5 from the appropriation made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to
 6 redeem the bonds.

7 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 8 read:

9 **BALLOT PROPOSITION.** The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are
 10 to be issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the next general election
 11 and shall read substantially as follows:

12 **P R O P O S I T I O N**

13 State General Obligation State Transportation Project Bonds \$1,000,000

14 Total Bond Authorization \$1,000,000

15 Shall the State of Alaska issue general obligation bonds in the principal
 16 amount of not more than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of state
 17 transportation projects?

18 Bonds Yes []

19 Bonds No []

20 * **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).