

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a determination of costs attributable to relocating the legislature or**
2 **the state capital or of constructing a new capitol building in the present capital city, and**
3 **to a determination of all costs of retaining the existing capitol building and keeping the**
4 **state capital and legislature in the present capital city; relating to voter approval of**
5 **certain bondable costs; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

9 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Capitol Cost Disclosure Act.

10 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
11 read:

12 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that this Act provide all
13 residents the opportunity to know the full and true costs of proposals involving the location of

1 the state capital and construction of a new capitol building in the present capital city so that
 2 the residents will have the opportunity to express their opinions regarding those proposals.

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.06.050 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 44.06.050. Purpose of AS 44.06.050 - 44.06.060.** The purpose of
 5 AS 44.06.050 - 44.06.060 is to guarantee to the people their right to know and to
 6 approve in advance all costs of relocating the capital or the legislature **and all costs of**
 7 **constructing a new capitol in the present capital city**; to **ensure** [INSURE] that the
 8 people will have an opportunity to make an informed and objective decision on
 9 relocating the capital or the legislature **or constructing a new capitol in the present**
 10 **capital city** with all pertinent data concerning the costs to the state; and to **ensure**
 11 [INSURE] that the costs of relocating the capital or the legislature **or constructing a**
 12 **new capitol** will not be incurred by the state without the approval of the electorate.

13 * **Sec. 4.** AS 44.06.055 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 44.06.055. Relocation expenditures.** State money may be expended to
 15 relocate physically the capital or the legislature from the present location only after a
 16 majority of those voting in a statewide election have approved a bond issue that
 17 includes all bondable costs to the state of the relocation of a functional state legislature
 18 or capital to the new site over the **12-year** [TWELVE-YEAR] period following **that**
 19 [SUCH] approval. **State money may be expended to construct or relocate the**
 20 **legislature or any other state office to a new capitol in the present capital city**
 21 **only after a majority of those voting in a statewide election have approved a bond**
 22 **issue that includes all bondable costs of constructing the new capitol.** The
 23 commission established in AS 44.06.060 shall determine all bondable costs and **all**
 24 **other** [TOTAL] costs **attributable to a proposal to relocate the legislature or**
 25 **capital or to a proposal to construct a new capitol in the present capital city**
 26 including, [BUT NOT LIMITED TO,] the costs of moving personnel and offices to
 27 the relocation site **or the new capitol**; the social, economic, and environmental costs
 28 to the present and relocation sites **or to the existing and new capitols**; and the costs
 29 to the state of planning, building, furnishing, using, and financing facilities at least
 30 equal to those provided by the present capital city **or the existing capitol. In**
 31 **considering a proposal to relocate the legislature or the capital, the commission**

1 **shall also determine all costs attributable to keeping the state capital and**
2 **legislature in the present capital city. In considering a proposal to construct a**
3 **new capitol in the present capital city, the commission shall also determine all**
4 **costs attributable to retaining the existing capitol and all costs of keeping the**
5 **state capital and legislature in the present capital city.**

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

8 RETROACTIVITY. This Act is retroactive to January 1, 2005.

9 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).