

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

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

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCGUIRE, Gara, Gruenberg

Introduced: 2/24/05

Referred: Judiciary, 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 under 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 maximum income levels for Alaska determined by the Legal Services
14 Corporation (42 U.S.C. 2996b).