

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 175(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/9/05

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MCGUIRE, Gara, Gruenberg, Hawker, Kerttula

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), less the costs of
10 collection, if any, incurred by the state. The legislature may make appropriations from
11 the fund to organizations that provide civil legal services to low-income individuals.
12 Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund. In this section, "low-income
13 individual" means an individual with an income equal to or less than 125 percent of
14 the most recent federal poverty guidelines for Alaska set by the United States
15 Department of Health and Human Services.