

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 1/21/05**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR SEEKINS**

**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).