

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 1/25/07

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES RAMRAS AND LEDOUX, Holmes, Johnson

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 (82) civil legal services fund under AS 37.05.590.

5 *** Sec. 2.** AS 37.05 is amended by adding a new section to article 6 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 all or part of
9 the amount deposited into the general fund of the state under AS 09.17.020(j). The
10 legislature may make appropriations from the fund to organizations that provide civil
11 legal services to low-income individuals. Nothing in this section creates a dedicated
12 fund. In this section, "low-income individual" means an individual with an income
13 equal to or less than 125 percent of the most recent federal poverty guidelines for
14 Alaska set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.