

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 299(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/13/12

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON, Gara, Costello, Gruenberg, Kerttula, Muñoz, Edgmon, Holmes, Keller

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act allowing appropriations to the civil legal services fund from court filing fees;**
2 **and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 37.05.590 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 37.05.590. Civil legal services fund.** The civil legal services fund is
6 established as a special account in the general fund. The fund consists of
7 appropriations to it. Annually, the legislature may appropriate to the fund only from
8 amounts deposited into the general fund of the state under AS 09.17.020(j) **and an**
9 **amount from the general fund that is up to 25 percent of the filing fees received**
10 **by the Alaska Court System during the previous fiscal year.** The legislature may
11 make appropriations from the fund to organizations that provide civil legal services to
12 low-income individuals. Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund. In this
13 section, "low-income individual" means an individual with an income equal to or less
14 than 125 percent of the most recent federal poverty guidelines for Alaska set by the

1 United States Department of Health and Human Services.

2 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).