

**HOUSE BILL NO. 97**

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

**BY REPRESENTATIVES KAWASAKI, Josephson, Muñoz, Gara, Tuck**

**Introduced: 2/1/13**

**Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to office accounts for each member of the legislature for legislative  
2 office expenses."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 24.10.110 is amended to read:

5           **Sec. 24.10.110. Office accounts** [ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES]. In  
6 addition, each member of the legislature is entitled to an annual **legislative office**  
7 **account, as established by the legislative council, that complies with 26 U.S.C.**  
8 **62(c) (Internal Revenue Code) and regulations adopted under that statute**  
9 **relating to qualified business expenses under accountable plans** [ALLOWANCE  
10 PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 39.23 FOR POSTAGE,  
11 STATIONERY, STENOGRAPHIC SERVICES, AND OTHER EXPENSES].

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.10.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13           (b) The funds in the office account of each member of the legislature shall  
14 remain in a separate account maintained by the Legislative Affairs Agency as

1 provided in (a) of this section, subject to the following:

2 (1) funds in a member's office account may be paid to the member  
3 upon request of the member for reimbursement and after the agency determines that  
4 the request for reimbursement is for a qualified business expense;

5 (2) a member may limit the amount of the funds in the member's office  
6 account to any amount up to the maximum annual amount authorized by the  
7 legislative council; and

8 (3) any funds remaining in a member's office account at the end of  
9 each year shall lapse into the general fund as provided by law.

10 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
11 read:

12 **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to office accounts established on or after January  
13 1, 2014, under AS 24.10.110, as amended by this Act.