

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

Introduced: 5/13/17

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the general fund."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 43.23.062(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Notwithstanding AS 43.23.069, the Department of Revenue shall prepare
5 the electronic Alaska permanent fund dividend application to allow an applicant who
6 files electronically to direct that money be subtracted from the dividend payment and
7 contributed **to the general fund or** to one or more of the educational organizations,
8 community foundations, or charitable organizations that appear on the contribution list
9 contained in the application. A contribution **to the general fund or** to an organization
10 may be \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, or more, in increments of \$50, up to the total amount of
11 the permanent fund dividend that the applicant is entitled to receive. If the total
12 amount of contributions elected by an applicant exceeds the amount of the permanent
13 fund dividend that the applicant is entitled to receive, contributions shall be deducted
14 from the dividend in the order of priority elected by the applicant on the application
15 until the entire amount of the dividend that the applicant is entitled to receive is

1 allocated for contribution. The electronic dividend application form must include
 2 notice that seven percent of the money contributed will be used for administrative
 3 costs incurred in implementing this section, and money from the dividend fund will
 4 not be used for that purpose.

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 43.23.062(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) The department shall list each educational organization, community
 7 foundation, or charitable organization eligible under (c) and (d) of this section, [AND]
 8 each university campus that applies under (l) of this section, **and the general fund** on
 9 the contribution list. The department shall maintain an electronic database for the
 10 contribution list that is accessible to the public and that permits searches by
 11 organization name, geographic location, and type. The department shall provide a
 12 statement of the contributions made by an individual that is suitable for federal income
 13 tax purposes to each individual who elects to contribute under (a) of this section.

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 43.23.062(m) is amended to read:

15 (m) In addition to the application fee in (f) of this section, the department shall
 16 withhold a coordination fee from each organization, foundation, or university campus
 17 that receives contributions under this section in the immediately preceding dividend
 18 year. The coordination fee for an organization, foundation, or university campus that
 19 receives contributions under this section shall be seven percent of the amount of
 20 contributions reported by the department under (j) of this section for the organization,
 21 foundation, or university campus for the immediately preceding dividend year. The
 22 coordination fee shall be separately accounted for under AS 37.05.142 and shall be
 23 accounted for separately from the application fee collected under (f) of this section.
 24 The annual estimated balance in the account maintained under AS 37.05.142 for
 25 coordination fees collected under this subsection may be appropriated for costs of
 26 administering this section. **The department may not withhold a coordination fee**
 27 **for contributions to the general fund.**