

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/22/19

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 24.60.030(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) A legislator may not directly, or by authorizing another to act on the
5 legislator's behalf,

6 (1) agree to, threaten to, or state or imply that the legislator will take or
7 withhold a legislative, administrative, or political action, including support for or
8 opposition to a bill, employment, nominations, and appointments, as a result of a
9 person's decision to provide or not provide a political contribution, donate or not
10 donate to a cause favored by the legislator, or provide or not provide a thing of value;

11 (2) state or imply that the legislator will perform or refrain from
12 performing a lawful constituent service as a result of a person's decision to provide or
13 not provide a political contribution, donate or not donate to a cause favored by the
14 legislator, or provide or not provide a thing of value; or

15 (3) **unless required by the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State**

Legislature [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN (g) OF THIS SECTION OR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A PUBLIC DISCUSSION OR DEBATE], take or withhold official action or exert official influence that could substantially benefit or harm the financial interest of **another** [A] person

[(A) WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY;

(B) BY WHOM THE LEGISLATOR OR A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS EMPLOYED;

(C)] with whom the legislator is negotiating for employment [;

(D) FROM WHOM THE LEGISLATOR OR A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY HAS, IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD, RECEIVED MORE THAN \$10,000 OF INCOME].

* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.60.030(g) is amended to read:

(g) Unless [OTHERWISE] required by the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, a legislator shall declare a conflict of interest before voting on a question before a committee of the legislature, and shall request to be excused from voting on a question before a house of the legislature, if the legislator [OR A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY] has **an equity or ownership** [A FINANCIAL] interest in a business, investment, real property, lease, or other enterprise if the interest is substantial and the effect on that interest of the action to be voted on is greater than the effect on **a substantial class of persons to which the legislator belongs as a member of a profession, occupation, industry, or region** [THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE STATE. HOWEVER, NOTWITHSTANDING (e)(3) OF THIS SECTION AND THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LEGISLATOR MAY VOTE ON AN APPROPRIATION BILL THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF AS 37.07.020(a) OR 37.07.100].

* **Sec. 3.** AS 24.60.030(j)(2) and 24.60.990(a)(6) are repealed.

* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).