

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Referred: Community & Regional Affairs, Judiciary, State Affairs

Sponsor(s): SENATORS REINBOLD, Myers

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to oaths of office; and requiring public officers to read the state
2 constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the United States Constitution."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.12.090 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.12.090. Oath.** School board members, before taking office, shall read
6 the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the
7 Constitution of the United States and take and sign the following oath or
8 affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the
9 Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska and that I
10 will honestly, faithfully, and impartially discharge my duties as a school board
11 member to the best of my ability."

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.65.010(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) Each special officer shall carry identification issued by the commissioner
14 of public safety and shall carry firearms in the manner the commissioner of public

1 safety requires. Each person appointed shall, after reading the Constitution of the
 2 State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the
 3 United States, take the constitutional oath of office. Persons appointed may hold other
 4 public or private employment.

5 * **Sec. 3.** AS 22.05.090 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 22.05.090. Oath of office.** Each supreme court justice, upon entering
 7 office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration
 8 of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and subscribe to
 9 an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any further oath or
 10 affirmation that may be prescribed by law.

11 * **Sec. 4.** AS 22.07.050 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 22.07.050. Oath of office.** Each judge of the court of appeals, upon
 13 entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the
 14 Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and
 15 subscribe to the oath or affirmation of office required of all officers under the
 16 constitution.

17 * **Sec. 5.** AS 22.10.110 is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 22.10.110. Oath of office.** Each superior court judge, upon entering
 19 office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration
 20 of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and subscribe to
 21 an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any further oath or
 22 affirmation as may be prescribed by law.

23 * **Sec. 6.** AS 22.15.180 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 22.15.180. Oath of office.** Each district judge and magistrate, upon
 25 entering office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the
 26 Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take and
 27 subscribe to an oath of office required of all officers under the constitution and any
 28 further oath or affirmation that may be prescribed by law.

29 * **Sec. 7.** AS 24.05.060 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 24.05.060. Disqualifications.** A person is not qualified for membership in
 31 the legislature who is disqualified to hold public office under the provisions of art.

XII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and as it may be implemented by law. Each member of the legislature, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take the oath of office prescribed in art. XII, sec. 5, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and such further oath or affirmation prescribed by law for members of the legislature or other officers of the state.

* **Sec. 8.** AS 29.20.600 is amended to read:

Sec. 29.20.600. Oaths of office. Before taking office a municipal official shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, affirm in writing that the duties of the office will be honestly, faithfully, and impartially performed by the official. The oath is filed with the municipal clerk.

* **Sec. 9.** AS 39.05.040 is amended to read:

Sec. 39.05.040. Oaths for executive officers, boards. The principal executive officer of each department and the member of each board within the state government shall, after reading the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, take, sign, and file the oath of office required by the constitution before entering upon the duties of office.

* **Sec. 10.** AS 39.05.045 is amended to read:

Sec. 39.05.045. Oaths for other employees. A public officer or employee of the state, before entering upon the duties of office, shall read the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States and take and sign the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as to the best of my ability."