

**SENATE BILL NO. 81 am**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Amended: 4/14/23

Introduced: 2/24/23

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the office of victims' rights; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 24.65.020(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The victims' advocate selection committee shall examine persons to serve  
5 as victims' advocate regarding their qualifications and ability and shall place the name  
6 of the person selected in nomination. The appointment is effective if the nomination is  
7 **ratified by two-thirds of the full membership of the senate and two-thirds of the**  
8 **full membership of the house of representatives** [APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL  
9 VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE IN JOINT  
10 SESSION]. The vote on the appointment shall be entered in the journals of both  
11 houses.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.65.060 is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 24.65.060. Compensation.** The victims' advocate is entitled to receive an  
14 annual salary of Range 26 on the salary schedule set out in AS 39.27.011(a) **and (J)**  
15 [FOR JUNEAU].

1 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 24.65.070(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) The victims' advocate shall appoint a person to serve as acting victims'  
3 advocate in the absence of the victims' advocate. **If the victims' advocate is not**  
4 **available to appoint a person to serve as acting victims' advocate, the president of**  
5 **the senate and the speaker of the house may jointly appoint an acting victims'**  
6 **advocate.** The victims' advocate shall also appoint assistants and clerical personnel  
7 necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Subject to AS 36.30.020, the  
8 victims' advocate may enter into personal services and other contracts the victims'  
9 advocate finds necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The victims'  
10 advocate shall, to the maximum extent practicable, conduct the duties and work of the  
11 office by entering into personal services and other contracts the victims' advocate finds  
12 necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

13 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 24.65.070(c) is amended to read:

14 (c) The victims' advocate and the staff appointed by the victims' advocate are  
15 in the exempt service under AS 39.25.110 and are not subject to the employment  
16 policies under AS 24.10 or AS 24.20. **Staff appointed by the victims' advocate shall**  
17 **(1) be compensated under the state salary schedule set out in**  
18 **AS 39.27.011(a); or**  
19 **(2) if the position requires admission to the practice of law in this**  
20 **state as a condition of employment, be compensated under the state salary**  
21 **schedule set out in AS 39.27.011(a) and (l).**

22 \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).