

**SENATE BILL NO. 104**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**1 **"An Act relating to appropriations to the civil legal services fund."**2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**3 \* **Section 1.** AS 37.05.590 is amended to read:

4           **Sec. 37.05.590. Civil legal services fund.** The civil legal services fund is  
5 established as a special account in the general fund. The fund consists of  
6 appropriations to it. Annually, the legislature may appropriate to the fund only from  
7 amounts deposited into the general fund of the state under AS 09.17.020(j) and an  
8 amount from the general fund that is up to 25 [10] percent of the filing fees received  
9 by the Alaska Court System during the previous closed fiscal year. The legislature  
10 may make appropriations from the fund to organizations that provide civil legal  
11 services to low-income individuals. Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund. In  
12 this section, "low-income individual" means an individual with an income equal to or  
13 less than 125 percent of the most recent federal poverty guidelines for Alaska set by  
14 the United States Department of Health and Human Services.