

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 150

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring that the meetings of
7 the governing bodies of political subdivi-
8 sions, public institutions and authorities
9 performing essential governmental functions
10 be open to the public; and providing for an
11 effective date."

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

13 Section 1. For the purposes of this Act the following terms
14 shall have the following meanings: (1) "Board" shall mean the
15 governing body of any city, borough, incorporated village, public
16 utility district, school district, state institution or authority
17 performing an essential governmental function; (2) "Public meet-
18 ing" shall mean that part of any meeting of a board during which
19 it votes upon any ordinance, resolution, motion or other official
20 action proposed by or to the board dealing with the receipt, bor-
21 rowing or disbursement of funds, or the acquisition, use or dis-
22 posal of services or of any supplies, materials, equipment or
23 other property, or the fixing of personal or property rights,
24 privileges, immunities, duties or obligations of any person or
25 group of persons, provided that the term "Public meeting" shall
26 not mean any meeting, the publication of the facts concerning
27 which would disclose the institution, progress, or result of an
28 investigation undertaken by a board in the performance of its
29 official duties.

1 Sec. 2. Every public meeting of a board shall be open to
2 the public.

3 Sec. 3. Every board shall hold all public meetings at speci-
4 fied times and places of which public notice shall be given.

5 Public notice of the schedule of regular meetings shall be given
6 once for each calendar or fiscal year and shall show the regular
7 dates and times for meetings and the place at which meetings are
8 held. Public notice of each special meeting and of each re-
9 scheduled regular or special meeting shall be given (1) by posting
10 a copy of the notice prominently at the principal office of the
11 body holding the meeting or at the public building in which the
12 meeting is to be held, or (2) by publishing the notice once in
13 one newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision
14 where the meeting will be held at least three days prior to the
15 time of the first regularly scheduled meeting in the case of
16 regular meetings and at least twelve hours prior to the time of
17 the meeting in the case of special or re-scheduled meetings. The
18 body holding any meeting shall supply on request copies of the
19 public notice thereof to any newspaper of general circulation in
20 the political subdivision in which the meeting will be held and
21 to any radio station which regularly broadcasts into the political
22 subdivision.

23 Sec. 4. Any member of a board who participates in any pub-
24 lic meeting knowing that it is being held or conducted in viola-
25 tion of the provisions of Sec. 2 of this Act upon summary con-
26 viction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not less than
27 ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars
28 and costs of prosecution.

29 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its

1 passage and approval or upon its becoming law without such
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