

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. STEVENS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 107

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring that the meetings of
7 agencies of the state and its subdivisions
8 be open to the public with certain excep-
9 tions."

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

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* Section 1. AS 44.62.310 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

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Sec. 44.62.310. AGENCY MEETINGS PUBLIC. (a) All

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meetings of an administrative or legislative body, board,
14 commission, committee, subcommittee, authority, council,
15 agency, or other organization, including subordinate units
16 of the above groups, of the state or any of its subdivisions,
17 supported in whole or in part by public money or authorized
18 to spend public money are open to the public except as
19 otherwise provided by this section.

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(b) This section does not prevent the holding of an

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executive session exclusively for consideration of

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(1) documents or testimony given in confidence;

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(2) matters, the immediate knowledge of which

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would adversely affect the finances of the government unit;

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(3) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation

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and character of a person other than a member of the group

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itself, provided the person may request a public discussion,

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(4) matters which by law are required to be con-

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(c) No final policy decision, regulation, ordinance, or final commitment to future action may be adopted or approved in an executive session.

(d) This section does not apply to judicial or quasi-judicial bodies when holding a meeting solely to make a decision in an adjudicatory proceeding, or to juries, or to parole or pardon boards.

(e) Reasonable public notice shall be given for all meetings required to be open under this section.

(f) Any action taken contrary to this section is void.

(g) Any member of a body who participates in a meeting which violates this section, knowing the meeting to constitute a violation, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

(h) Twenty-five registered voters of the political subdivision within which a governing body has jurisdiction may petition the superior court for an injunction to prevent violation of this section. The petition shall be given priority on the calendar of the court.