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IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 170

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring that the meetings of agencies of the state and its subdivisions be open to the public with certain exceptions."

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

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 AS 44.62.310 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 44.62.310. AGENCY MEETINGS PUBLIC. (a) All meetings of an administrative or legislative body, board, commission, committee, subcommittee, authority, council, agency, or other organization, including subordinate units of the above groups, of the state or any of its political subdivisions, including but not limited to municipalities, boroughs, school boards, and all other boards, agencies, assemblies, councils, departments, divisions, bureaus, commissions or organizations, advisory or otherwise, of the state or local government supported in whole or in part by public money or authorized to spend public money, are open to the public except as otherwise provided by this section.

(b) If excepted subjects are to be discussed at a meeting, the meeting must first be convened as a public meeting and the question of holding an executive session to discuss matters that come within the exceptions contained in (c) of this section shall be determined by a majority vote of the agency. No subjects may be considered at the executive session except those mentioned in the motion calling for the



1 executive session. No action may be taken at the executive
2 session.

3 (c) The following excepted subjects may be discussed
4 in an executive session:

5 (1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which
6 would adversely affect the finances of the government unit;

7 (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation
8 and character of a person other than a member of the group
9 itself, provided the person may request a public discussion;
10 and

11 (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or
12 ordinance are required to be confidential.

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

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

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

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