

Original sponsor: The Rules
Committee

Offered: 3/24/66
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 170

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 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."

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

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 AS 44.62.310 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

12 Sec. 44.62.310. AGENCY MEETINGS PUBLIC. (a) All meet-
13 ings of an administrative body, board, commission, committee,
14 subcommittee, authority, council, agency, or other organiza-
15 tion, including subordinate units of the above groups, of
16 the state or any of its political subdivisions, including but
17 not limited to municipalities, boroughs, school boards, and
18 all other boards, agencies, assemblies, councils, departments,
19 divisions, bureaus, commissions or organizations, advisory or
20 otherwise, of the state or local government supported in whole
21 or in part by public money or authorized to spend public
22 money, are open to the public except as otherwise provided by
23 this section.

24 (b) If excepted subjects are to be discussed at a meet-
25 ing, the meeting must first be convened as a public meeting
26 and the question of holding an executive session to discuss
27 matters that come within the exceptions contained in (c) of
28 this section shall be determined by a majority vote of the
29 body. No subjects may be considered at the executive session

1 except those mentioned in the motion calling for the execu-
2 tive session unless auxiliary to the main question. No
3 action may be taken at the executive session.

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

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

8 (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation
9 and character of any person, provided the person may request
10 a public discussion;

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.
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