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2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 857 (Rules)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Public Offices Commis-
7 sion; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15.13.020(j) is amended to read:

10 (j) The commission shall establish an office [, WHICH MAY BE
11 CALLED A REGIONAL OFFICE,] in each senate district in the state to keep
12 on file for public inspection copies of all reports required to be filed
13 with the commission by candidates for statewide office and by candidates
14 for legislative office in that district; however, where one municipality
15 contains more than one election district, only one commission office
16 shall be established in that municipality. Each [THE REGIONAL] office
17 shall make all forms and pertinent material available to candidates.
18 Reports [ALL REPORTS] shall be filed by candidates, groups and indivi-
19 duals directly with the commission's central or district offices
20 [OFFICE]. If the candidate files required reports with the commission's
21 central office, the [THE] commission shall ensure [INSURE] that copies
22 of all reports by statewide [AND LEGISLATIVE] candidates, by legislative
23 candidates in each senate district, and by judges seeking electoral
24 confirmation [IN EACH SENATE DISTRICT] are forwarded promptly to the
25 [THAT DISTRICT OR REGIONAL] office located in the district in which the
26 candidate or judge is seeking office.

27 * Sec. 2. AS 15.13.040(d) and (f) are amended to read:

28 (d) Every individual or [,] person [OR GROUP] making a contribu-
29 tion or expenditure shall make a full report, upon a form prescribed by

1 the commission, of the following contributions or expenditures:

2 (1) any contribution of cash, goods or services valued at
3 more than \$250 [\$100] a year to any group or candidate; or

4 (2) any expenditure whatsoever for advertising in newspapers,
5 on radio or on television; or, for the publication, distribution or
6 circulation of brochures, flyers, or other campaign material for any
7 candidate or ballot proposition or question.

8 (f) During each year in which an election occurs, all [BUSINESSES,]
9 persons who [, OR GROUPS WHICH] furnish any of the following services,
10 facilities, or supplies to a candidate or group shall maintain a record
11 of each transaction: newspapers, radio, television, advertising,
12 advertising agency services, accounting, billboards, printing, secre-
13 tarial, public opinion polls, or research and professional campaign
14 consultation or management, media production or preparation, or computer
15 services. The records shall be maintained on the forms provided and in
16 the manner required by the commission. The supplier shall file a report
17 of the complete record of each transaction with all candidates or groups
18 to whom he provides services, facilities or supplies in excess of \$250
19 for each candidate or group in the aggregate in accordance with sec. 110
20 of this chapter. [ALL RECORDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPEC-
21 TION.]

22 * Sec. 3. AS 15.13.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 (b) A group that makes expenditures or receives contributions with
24 the authorization or consent, express or implied, or under the control,
25 direct or indirect, of a candidate shall be considered to be controlled
26 by that candidate. A group whose major purpose is to further the nomi-
27 nation, election, or candidacy of only one person, or intends to expend
28 more than 50 per cent of its money on a single candidate, shall be con-
29 sidered to be controlled by that candidate and its actions done with his

1 knowledge and consent unless, within 10 days from the date the candidate
2 learns of the existence of the group he files with the commission, on a
3 form provided by the commission, an affidavit that the group is operat-
4 ing without his control. A group organized for more than one year
5 preceding an election and endorsing candidates for more than one office
6 or more than one political party is presumed not to be controlled by a
7 candidate.

8 * Sec. 4. AS 15.13.070(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) No person or group, including but not limited to all political
10 committees, businesses, corporations, and labor unions, may contribute
11 [TO OR EXPEND] more than \$1,000 a year to a candidate [ON BEHALF OF OR
12 IN OPPOSITION TO THE COMPETING CANDIDATES] for each elective office.
13 Political parties and their subdivisions are not subject to the limita-
14 tion prescribed in this subsection, but they are subject to the report-
15 ing requirements prescribed by secs. 40(b) and 110 of this chapter.
16 Nothing in this chapter prohibits

17 (1) a candidate from contributing more than \$1,000 of his own
18 money to his own campaign; or

19 (2) individuals or groups, including but not limited to all
20 political committees, businesses, corporations, and labor unions, from
21 contributing to or expending on behalf of a ballot proposition or ques-
22 tion more than \$1,000 a year; however, these contributions and expendi-
23 tures shall be reported in accordance with secs. 40 and 110 of this
24 chapter.

25 * Sec. 5. AS 15.13.090 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 15.13.090. IDENTIFICATION OF COMMUNICATION. All advertise-
27 ments, billboards, handbills, paid-for television and radio announce-
28 ments and other communications intended to influence the election of a
29 candidate or outcome of a ballot proposition or question shall be clear-

1 ly identified by the words "paid for by" followed by the name and
2 address of the candidate, group or individual paying for the advertis-
3 ing. [IN ADDITION, CANDIDATES AND GROUPS MUST IDENTIFY THE NAME OF THEIR
4 CAMPAIGN TREASURER.]

5 * Sec. 6. AS 15.13.100 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 15.13.100. CONTRIBUTIONS, EXPENDITURES BEFORE FILING. Political
7 cal [NO POLITICAL] campaign contributions or expenditures, [EXPENDITURE
8 MAY BE MADE] or obligations for those expenditures, may be received or
9 accepted and made or incurred by a person in an election or by a person
10 or group with his knowledge and on his behalf before the date upon which
11 he or she files for nomination for the office which the person seeks [,
12 EXCEPT FOR PERSONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES OR FOR OPINION SURVEYS OR POLLS].
13 However, these contributions or [THESE] expenditures [SHALL BE CHARGED
14 AGAINST THE SPENDING LIMITATION THAT APPLIES TO THE OFFICE FOR WHICH HE
15 SUBSEQUENTLY FILES, AND] shall be included in the first report required
16 under this chapter [AFTER FILING FOR OFFICE].

17 * Sec. 7. AS 15.13.110(b) and (c) are amended to read:

18 (b) Each contribution or expenditure which exceeds \$250 and which
19 is made within 10 days [ONE WEEK] of the election shall be reported to
20 the commission by date, amount, and contributor or recipient within 24
21 hours of receipt or expenditure by the candidate or campaign treasurer.

22 (c) [THE REPORTS OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMIS-
23 SION'S CENTRAL OFFICE.] All statements, records and reports required by
24 this chapter are public records and shall be kept open for [TO] public
25 inspection. Within 30 days after each election, the commission shall
26 prepare a summary of reports [EACH REPORT] which shall be made available
27 to the public at cost upon request. Each summary shall use uniform
28 categories of reporting.

29 * Sec. 8. AS 15.13.120 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

1 Sec. 15.13.120. CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES; LIMITATIONS ON
2 ACTIONS. (a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is
3 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by imprison-
4 ment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than \$5,000. A
5 violation includes but is not limited to any of the following acts or
6 omissions:

7 (1) knowingly failing to make a statement or report required
8 to be made, or at the time it is required to be made, under this
9 chapter;

10 (2) knowingly making a false statement or false report
11 under this chapter;

12 (3) giving or furnishing money to another person or group
13 for the purpose of making a contribution or expenditure anonymously,
14 in a fictitious name, or in the name of another, or contributing in
15 violation of sec. 70(d) of this chapter;

16 (4) making a communication to support or defeat a candidate
17 without identification of sponsorship, in violation of sec. 90 of this
18 chapter;

19 (5) knowingly accepting a contribution in violation of sec.
20 70 of this chapter;

21 (6) providing false or misleading information in the course
22 of an investigation.

23 (b) In addition to the penalties provided for in (a) of this sec-
24 tion, a person who violates secs. 60 and 110 of this chapter is liable,
25 in a civil action, to the state for a sum to be assessed by the court of
26 not more than \$10,000 for each day on which the violation occurs and
27 which shall reflect, where applicable:

28 (1) reasonable compensation in the nature of liquidated
29 damages according to the benefit received by the candidate in not dis-

1 closing his campaign expenses; or

2 (2) reasonable costs incurred by the state in detection, in-
3 vestigation, and attempted correction of the violation.

4 (c) Action under (b) of this section may not be used for punitive
5 purposes and sums assessed by the court must be compensatory or remedial
6 in nature.

7 (d) The nomination for and election to an office of a candidate
8 who himself violates or whose campaign treasurer or deputy campaign
9 treasurer violates any of the following described provisions is voidable
10 if it is determined in an action filed under (e) of this section that a
11 candidate knowingly

12 (1) made a false statement on any report required of him
13 under this chapter;

14 (2) accepted a contribution in violation of secs. 70(b) or
15 70(d) of this chapter;

16 (3) made a campaign expenditure in violation of secs. 70(c),
17 70(h), or 100 of this chapter.

18 (e) When a violation of (d) of this section is charged, the case
19 shall be promptly tried and the case shall be accorded a preferred
20 status by the courts to ensure a speedy disposition on the matter.

21 (f) The commission by certified mail shall promptly notify all
22 persons who are delinquent in filing reports and statements, including
23 contributors who failed to file a statement in accordance with sec. 40
24 of this chapter, and shall make available a list of delinquents for
25 public inspection. The commission shall also report to the attorney
26 general the names of all candidates in an election whose campaign
27 treasurers have failed to file the reports required by this chapter.

28 (g) A candidate who, or whose campaign treasurer, has failed to
29 file reports required under this chapter may not file a declaration of

1 candidacy at a subsequent election for a public office subject to this
2 chapter until all delinquent reports required under this chapter have
3 been filed with the commission. The commission shall report to the
4 lieutenant governor and to municipal clerks all candidates who, or whose
5 campaign treasurers, have failed to file the required reports.

6 (h) A person who believes a violation of this chapter has occurred
7 may file a complaint with the commission. The commission shall expedi-
8 tiously make an investigation of the complaint. When the commission has
9 reasonable cause to believe that a person has engaged or is about to
10 engage in any acts or practices which constitute or will constitute a
11 violation of a provision of this chapter, or a regulation or order
12 issued under it, it shall promptly report the information to the attor-
13 ney general for appropriate action. The commission shall promptly
14 inform the person who filed the complaint of its disposition of the
15 matter.

16 (i) Prosecution for violation of a provision of this chapter may
17 not be commenced after four years have elapsed from the date of the
18 alleged violation.

19 * Sec. 9. AS 15.13.130(2) is amended to read:

20 (2) "contribution" means purchase, payment, promise or obli-
21 gation to pay, loan or loan guarantee, deposit or gift of money, goods
22 or services for which charge is ordinarily made and which is made for
23 the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate,
24 and in sec. 10(b) of this chapter for the purpose of influencing a
25 ballot proposition or question, including the payment by a person other
26 than a candidate or political party of [, OR] compensation for [OF] the
27 personal services of another person which are rendered to the candidate
28 or political party; however, "contribution" does not include

29 (A) services provided without compensation by individu-

1 als volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a
2 candidate or ballot proposition or question, but it does include
3 professional services volunteered by individuals for which they
4 ordinarily would be paid a fee or wage;

5 (B) services provided by an accountant or other person
6 to prepare reports and statements required by this chapter;

7 (C) ordinary hospitality in a home;

8 * Sec. 10. AS 15.13.130(3) is amended to read:

9 (3) "group" means every state and regional executive commit-
10 tee of a political party and, in addition, means any combination of two
11 or more persons or individuals acting jointly who take action the major
12 purpose of which is to influence the outcome of an election; [A GROUP
13 THAT MAKES EXPENDITURES OR RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS WITH THE AUTHORIZATION
14 OR CONSENT, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, OR UNDER THE CONTROL, DIRECT OR IN-
15 DIRECT, OF A CANDIDATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE CONTROLLED BY THAT
16 CANDIDATE; A GROUP WHOSE MAJOR PURPOSE IS TO FURTHER THE NOMINATION,
17 ELECTION, OR CANDIDACY OF ONLY ONE PERSON, OR INTENDS TO EXPEND MORE
18 THAN 50 PER CENT OF ITS MONEY ON A SINGLE CANDIDATE, SHALL BE CONSIDERED
19 TO BE CONTROLLED BY THAT CANDIDATE AND ITS ACTIONS DONE WITH HIS KNOW-
20 LEDGE AND CONSENT UNLESS, WITHIN 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE CANDIDATE
21 LEARNS OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE GROUP HE FILES WITH THE COMMISSION, ON A
22 FORM PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION, AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THE GROUP IS OPERAT-
23 ING WITHOUT HIS CONTROL; A GROUP ORGANIZED FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR
24 PRECEDING AN ELECTION AND ENDORSING CANDIDATES FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE
25 OR MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL PARTY IS PRESUMED NOT TO BE CONTROLLED BY A
26 CANDIDATE; HOWEVER, A GROUP THAT CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN 50 PER CENT OF
27 ITS MONEY TO OR ON BEHALF OF ONE CANDIDATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO SUP-
28 PORT ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR PURPOSES OF SEC. 70 OF THIS CHAPTER, WHETHER
29 OR NOT CONTROL OF THE GROUP HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED BY THE CANDIDATE;]

1 * Sec. 11. AS 15.13.070(f) and (g), and 15.13.080 are repealed.

2 * Sec. 12. AS 39.50.020 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 39.50.020. REPORT OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS INTERESTS. (a)
4 An appointed or hired public official [A JUDICIAL OFFICER, COMMISSIONER,
5 CHAIRMAN OR MEMBER OF A STATE COMMISSION OR BOARD SPECIFIED IN SEC.
6 200(9) OF THIS CHAPTER, PERSON HIRED OR APPOINTED AS HEAD OR DEPUTY HEAD
7 OF, OR DIRECTOR OF A DIVISION WITHIN, A DEPARTMENT IN THE EXECUTIVE
8 BRANCH, PERSON APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR, AND A MUNICIPAL
9 OFFICER,] shall file a statement giving his income sources and business
10 interests, under oath and on penalty of perjury, within 30 days after he
11 takes office as a public official. Candidates for state elective office
12 shall file such a statement at the time of filing a declaration of
13 candidacy or within 30 days of the filing of any nominating petition, or
14 within 30 days of becoming a candidate by any other means. Candidates
15 for elective municipal office shall file such a statement at the time of
16 filing a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy, or other re-
17 quired filing for the elective municipal office. Former public offi-
18 cials who contract or offer to contract with the state within one year
19 after leaving office will file a statement at the time that they con-
20 tract or offer to contract with the state; former municipal officers
21 who contract or offer to contract with their municipality within one
22 year after leaving office will file a statement at the time that they
23 contract or offer to contract with their municipality. Refusal or
24 failure to file within the time prescribed shall require that the can-
25 didate's filing fees, if any, and filing for office be refused or that
26 his previously accepted filing fee be returned and his name removed from
27 the filing records. The lieutenant governor or other certifying author-
28 ity may not certify a person's nomination for office or his election to
29 office if the person does not comply with the requirements of this

1 subsection within the time specified. The nomination to office or
2 election to office shall be certified to the highest vote getter for
3 that nomination for that office or election to that office who complies
4 within the time limits specified and that person shall be declared
5 nominated or elected. A statement shall also be filed by public offi-
6 cials no later than April 15 [OR 15 DAYS AFTER THE PERSON FILES HIS
7 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN] in each following year [, WHICHEVER SHALL
8 COME FIRST. PERSONS WHO, ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 11, 1974, WERE MEMBERS OF
9 BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS NOT NAMED IN SEC. 200(9) OF THIS CHAPTER ARE NOT
10 REQUIRED TO FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS].

11 (b) Public officials of the state and candidates for state elec-
12 tive office, [THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, MEMBERS OF THE LEGIS-
13 LATURE, AND CANDIDATES FOR THESE OFFICES, JUDICIAL OFFICERS, EACH
14 COMMISSIONER, HEAD OR DEPUTY HEAD OF, OR DIRECTOR OF A DIVISION WITHIN,
15 A DEPARTMENT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR OR
16 CHAIRMAN OR MEMBER OF A COMMISSION OR BOARD] required to report under
17 this chapter, shall file the statement with the Alaska Public Offices
18 Commission. Municipal officers, and candidates for elective municipal
19 office, shall file with the municipal clerk or other municipal official
20 designated to receive their filing for office. All statements required
21 to be filed under this chapter are public records.

22 (c) Once a statement is on file with the commission a requirement
23 to file an additional statement covering the same calendar year may be
24 satisfied by certifying to the commission that the statement presently
25 on file is accurate and complete.

26 * Sec. 13. AS 39.50.030(7) is amended to read:

27 (7) a list of all contracts and offers to contract with the
28 state, [OR AN] instrumentality of the state, municipality, or an instru-
29 mentality of the municipality, during the preceding calendar year, held,

1 bid or offered by him, his spouse, dependent child of his or nondepen-
2 dent child of his who is living with him, his mother or father or a
3 partnership or professional corporation of which he is a member, or a
4 corporation in which he or his spouse or his children, or a combination
5 of them, hold a controlling interest; and

6 * Sec. 14. AS 39.50.060 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

7 Sec. 39.50.060. PENALTY FOR WILFUL VIOLATION OF DISCLOSURE RE-
8 QUIREMENTS. (a) A person required to file a report of financial or
9 business interests under this chapter who wilfully refuses to disclose
10 required information when due is guilty of a misdemeanor.

11 (b) A person required to file a report of financial or business
12 interests under this chapter who wilfully fails to disclose required
13 information when due is guilty of a misdemeanor.

14 (c) A person required to file a report of financial or business
15 interests under this chapter who wilfully provides false or misleading
16 information on the report is guilty of a misdemeanor.

17 (d) A person convicted under (a), (b), or (c) of this section is
18 punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for a
19 period of not more than 30 days, or by both.

20 (e) A person failing or refusing to comply with the requirements
21 of this chapter, in addition to the panalties prescribed, shall forfeit
22 his nomination to office and may not be seated or installed in office
23 if he has not complied. Nominated, hired, or appointed officials, com-
24 missioners, chairmen or members of commissions or boards specified in
25 sec. 200(9) of this chapter may not be confirmed by the legislature if
26 compliance has not been made. In the case of elected officials, the
27 lieutenant governor, or other certifying authority, may not certify a
28 person's nomination for office or his election to office if compliance
29 was not made within the time required. The nomination to office or

1 election to office shall be certified to the highest vote-getter for
2 that nomination for that office or election to that office who has com-
3 plied within the times required and who shall be declared nominated or
4 elected.

5 (f) In addition to the penalties prescribed in (d) of this section,
6 a person who fails to file a report of financial or business interests
7 when due under this chapter is liable in a civil action to the state for
8 a sum to be assessed by the court of not more than \$10,000 and which
9 shall reflect, when applicable, the reasonable costs incurred by the
10 state in detection, investigation, and attempted correction of the
11 failure to report.

12 (g) Action under (f) of this section may not be used for punitive
13 purposes and sums assessed by the court must be compensatory or remedial
14 in nature.

15 * Sec. 15. AS 39.50.070 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 39.50.070. FAILURE TO REPORT BY APPOINTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS
17 [DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, OR DEPUTY DEPARTMENT HEADS]. A person hired or
18 appointed as a public official of the state, other than a judicial
19 officer, may not [THE HEAD OR DEPUTY HEAD OF, OR DIRECTOR OF A DIVISION
20 WITHIN, A DEPARTMENT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHO REFUSES OR FAILS TO
21 FILE A REPORT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS CHAPTER WHEN
22 DUE MAY NOT HOLD OFFICE OR] have his name submitted to the legislature
23 for confirmation until he complies with the requirements of this chapter.
24 He may not receive salary, travel expenses, or per diem for any period
25 after the initial 30 days after the completion of his appointment or
26 after his entry into state employment if he has not complied with the
27 requirements of this chapter; if he has not complied with the require-
28 ments of this chapter by the 60th day he is removed from office and his
29 position is vacant. [HE MAY NOT BE CONFIRMED, HIRED, OR APPOINTED, AND

1 HE FORFEITS AND MAY NOT BE PAID ANY SALARY OR PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EX-
2 PENSES UNTIL HE COMPLIES.] If, after installation as an appointed
3 public official [THE HEAD OR DEPUTY HEAD OF, OR DIRECTOR OF A DIVISION
4 WITHIN, A DEPARTMENT,] he refuses or fails to file the required state-
5 ment when due, he is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is
6 punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 [AND
7 SHALL BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE IF COMPLIANCE IS NOT MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS
8 AFTER THE DUE DATE OF THE REPORT].

9 * Sec. 16. AS 39.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 39.50.160. REPORTS BY OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. Officers
11 and employees of the state who are authorized to purchase goods or
12 services for \$1,000 or more in a single transaction shall file a state-
13 ment containing the information required of public officials by sec. 30
14 of this chapter.

15 * Sec. 17. AS 39.50.200(1) and (8) are amended to read:

16 (1) "public official" means a judicial officer, a member of
17 the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, a person hired
18 or appointed as the head or deputy head of, or director of a division
19 within, a department in the executive branch, an assistant to the gover-
20 nor, the chairman, each [OR] member, and full-time executive officer
21 of a state commission or board specified in (9) of this section, the
22 president of the University of Alaska, its vice-presidents, chancellors,
23 and provosts, directors of community colleges, the ombudsman, the deputy
24 ombudsman, and assistant ombudsman, the executive director and divi-
25 sional directors of the Legislative Affairs Agency and the Legislative
26 Budget and Audit Committee, the administrative director of courts, the
27 executive director of the judicial council, and each appointed or elec-
28 ted municipal officer;

29 (8) "source of income" means the entity for which service is

1 performed or which is otherwise the origin of payment; if the person
2 whose income is being reported is employed by another, his employer is
3 the source of his income; but if he is a proprietor [SELF-EMPLOYED BY
4 MEANS OF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP], a member of a partnership, or is a
5 shareholder in a professional corporation, or a corporation in which he
6 or his spouse or his children, or a combination of them, hold a control-
7 ling interest, the "source" is the client, patient, or customer of the
8 proprietorship, partnership or corporation; but if the entity which is
9 the origin of payment is not the same as the client, patient, or cus-
10 tomer for whom the service is performed, both are considered the source;

11 * Sec. 18. AS 39.50.200(9) is amended by adding new subparagraphs to read:

12 (LL) Board of Fisheries (AS 16.05.221(a);

13 (MM) Board of Game (AS 16.05.221);

14 * Sec. 19. AS 15.13.030 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

15 (11) report to the presiding officers of the legislature re-
16 garding whether or not those persons appointed by the governor who are
17 subject to legislative confirmation have filed the statement required by
18 AS 39.50.

19 * Sec. 20. AS 24.55.310 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 24.55.310. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. The ombudsman, the deputy
21 ombudsman, and assistant ombudsman [THEIR PROFESSIONAL STAFF] are sub-
22 ject to AS 39.50 (conflict of interest).

23 * Sec. 21. AS 39.50.080, and 39.50.200(9)(J) are repealed.

24 * Sec. 22. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.

25 070(c).