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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 533

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Legislative Ethics Commission;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 24.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 5. LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMISSION.

11 Sec. 24.20.572. LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMISSION ESTABLISHED. The
12 Legislative Ethics Commission is established.

13 Sec. 24.20.574. MEMBERSHIP. The commission consists of three
14 persons who are not legislators appointed by the president of the senate
15 subject to confirmation by the senate, and three persons who are not
16 legislators appointed by the speaker of the house subject to confirma-
17 tion by the house of representatives. The commission shall elect a
18 chairman from among its members. Members serve for three-year terms and
19 may not be reappointed.

20 Sec. 24.20.576. VACANCIES. When a vacancy occurs in the member-
21 ship of the commission, the presiding officer of the house incurring the
22 vacancy shall choose a successor. A successor is subject to confir-
23 mation by the membership of the house incurring the vacancy and serves a
24 full three-year term. If the office of the president of the senate or
25 speaker of the house of representatives becomes vacant and a vacancy
26 occurs among the membership of the commission, the remaining commission
27 members appointed by the house incurring the vacancy shall appoint a new
28 member to serve a full three-year term.

29 Sec. 24.20.578. MEETINGS. Five members of the commission shall

1 meet upon the written request of the presiding officer of either house
2 to investigate a complaint regarding the conduct, or the propriety of
3 proposed conduct, of a member of that house. The five members shall be
4 selected from the full commission by the presiding officer making the
5 request. The commission may meet at other times during the session of
6 the legislature as necessary to fulfill its duties.

7 Sec. 24.20.580. DUTIES. (a) The commission shall

8 (1) receive complaints and questions regarding ethical con-
9 siderations from the presiding officers of both houses;

10 (2) investigate complaints and ethical questions, and submit
11 a report containing findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations
12 to the presiding officer of the house from whom the complaint or ques-
13 tion originated.

14 (b) Members of the commission in disagreement with findings of
15 fact, conclusions, or recommendations contained in a commission report
16 shall submit dissenting or concurring reports to the presiding officer
17 of the house from whom the complaint originated.

18 Sec. 24.20.582. POWERS. (a) The commission may adopt rules for
19 the conduct of its business.

20 (b) The commission may recommend to the legislature changes in
21 procedures, statutes and in the Code of Legislative Ethics, relating to
22 ethical conduct of legislators.

23 Sec. 24.20.590. In AS 24.20.572 - 24.20.590 "commission" means the
24 Legislative Ethics Commission.

25 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
26 070(c).