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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Proposing an amendment to the uniform
6 rules adopting a legislative code of
7 ethics.

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

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* Section 1. The Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature are amended

10 by adding a new rule to read:

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CODE OF LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

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RULE 55. In order to fulfill his responsibility as a representa-
13 tive of the people, each member of the legislature shall abide by the
14 following standards of conduct:

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(a) A legislator shall faithfully and accurately provide the
16 financial information required to be publicly disclosed under AS 39.50
17 and AS 15.13.

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(b) A legislator may not solicit or accept compensation, other
19 than that provided for by law, for performance of his legislative duties.
20 A legislator may not use or attempt to use his official position to
21 exert influence for direct or indirect personal gain.

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(c) A legislator may not accept compensation from employment or a
23 transaction or investment which was entered into as a result of con-
24 fidential information obtained during the performance of legislative
25 duties.

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(d) A legislator may not accept a gift, favor, loan, service or
27 honorarium if it creates a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest
28 is presumed to arise when a legislator accepts gifts, favors, or ser-
29 vices having an accumulated value in excess of the amount allowed under

1 AS 15.13.070(a) for political contributions from the same person or
2 organization, other than through testamentary devise, from a close
3 relative or as a campaign contribution. When a legislator accepts
4 gifts, favors, or services having an accumulated value over this amount
5 from the same person or organization, he shall disclose this in writing
6 to the presiding officer of the house of which he is a member. A con-
7 flict of interest may not be presumed from the acceptance of a campaign
8 contribution under AS 15.13.

9 (e) If, in the course of his duties, a legislator finds himself in
10 a position where his, his spouse's, or his children's interests are in
11 conflict with the best interest of the state, he shall disclose this
12 situation in writing to the presiding officer of the house of which he
13 is a member.

14 (f) A legislator may not represent a person or organization before
15 a state agency for his personal gain nor seek to influence the actions
16 of a state agency on behalf of a relative or business enterprise in
17 which he has substantial economic interests. Ownership of over 10
18 percent of the stock issued by a corporation is presumed to amount to a
19 substantial interest.

20 (g) A legislator shall respect and comply with the law at all
21 times and not attempt to circumvent the requirements of the law through
22 actions of another person.

23 (h) A legislator may not intentionally make false public accusa-
24 tions, or knowingly engage in misrepresentation or in deceitful conduct.

25 (i) A legislator shall strive to diligently discharge his respon-
26 sibility to act in the best interests of the state and in the best
27 interests of the people he represents, and shall require his staff to
28 observe similar standards.

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