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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 266 (Judiciary)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing an official policy of using

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neutral pronouns in the Alaska Statutes; and providing

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for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 01.05.031(b)(10) is amended to read:

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(10) change all sections, when possible, to read in the

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present tense, indicative mood, active voice, and if the use of per-

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sonal pronouns cannot be avoided in a section change the section to

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read in the third person, and singular number, or any other necessary

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grammatical change in the manner generally followed in the Alaska

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Statutes;

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* Sec. 2. AS 01.05.031 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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(c) The revisor shall edit and revise the laws as they are enacted

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by the legislature, without changing the meaning of any law, so as to

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avoid the use of pronouns denoting masculine or feminine gender. The

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revisor is directed to avoid the use of pronouns denoting masculine or

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feminine gender in the printed pamphlets of the Alaska Statutes as they

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are scheduled for reprinting.

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* Sec. 3. AS 01.10.050(c) is amended to read:

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(c) Words of any gender may, when the sense so indicates, refer

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to any other gender [THE MASCULINE GENDER INCLUDE THE FEMININE AND THE

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NEUTER AND WHEN THE SENSE SO INDICATES, WORDS OF THE NEUTER GENDER MAY

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REFER TO ANY GENDER].

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* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-

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