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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY LISKA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 445

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to attorney fees."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 09.60.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to
9 read:

10 (b) It is not an abuse of discretion for a court to award attor-
11 ney fees in a public interest case to a prevailing party that is a
12 nongovernmental entity. For the purpose of this subsection, a public
13 interest case is one in which

14 (1) the outcome of the case will significantly affect
15 public policy;

16 (2) many people will benefit if the plaintiff prevails;

17 (3) only a private party could be expected to file the
18 case; and

19 (4) the plaintiff has no significant economic interest in
20 the outcome of the case.