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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MARTIN

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 451

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to reprimands of judges."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 15.58.050 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 15.58.050. INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON JUDICIAL  
10 OFFICERS. No later than 75 days before the state general election,  
11 the judicial council shall file with the lieutenant governor a state-  
12 ment including information about each supreme court justice, court of  
13 appeals judge, superior court judge, and district court judge who will  
14 be subject to a retention election. The statement shall reflect the  
15 evaluation of each justice or judge conducted by the judicial council  
16 according to law and shall contain a brief statement describing each  
17 reprimand received by the judge under AS 22.30.011 during the period  
18 covered in the evaluation. A statement may not exceed 600 words.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 22.30.011(f) is amended to read:

20 (f) If the commission decides to reprimand a judge privately,  
21 the commission shall forward the reprimand to the judge. A copy of  
22 the reprimand shall be sent to the chief justice of the supreme court.  
23 Except as provided in (h) of this section, a [A] private reprimand is  
24 confidential.

25 \* Sec. 3. AS 22.30.011 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 (h) If a judge reprimanded under this section seeks retention in  
27 office, the commission shall report to the judicial council for the  
28 statement filed by the judicial council under AS 15.58.050 the exist-  
29 ence of public or private reprimands received by the judge since the

1      appointment of the judge or since the last retention election of the  
2      judge.