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HOUSE BILL NO. 528

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the laws governing standards of

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conduct by public officers and employees; and provid-

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ing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds

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(1) the public perceives that the Select Committee on Legisla-

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tive Ethics does not adequately police the conduct of legislators and

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legislative employees;

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(2) the public's perception will not change as long as a body of

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the legislature is charged with policing legislative conduct;

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(3) there is a need to make uniform the codes of ethics relating

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to the legislature (AS 24.60), to officials covered by the conflict-of-

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interest initiative (AS 39.50), and to the executive branch of government

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(AS 39.52);

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(4) neither the Alaska Public Offices Commission, the executive

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branch agency charged with enforcing AS 39.50, the Personnel Board, nor the

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executive branch agency charged with enforcing AS 39.52, has the resources

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and staff necessary to enforce a unified ethics code applicable to all

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branches of government, and both the Alaska Public Offices Commission and

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the Personnel Board have other functions that would preclude them from

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acting as the enforcement body for a unified code;

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(5) it is desirable to create a unified code of ethics for all

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state officers and employees, and to create a new body to be located in the

1 executive branch of state government, to enforce the unified code.

2 * Sec. 2. The division of legal services of the Legislative Affairs
3 Agency shall prepare a bill unifying AS 24.60, AS 39.50, and AS 39.52, and
4 creating a body in the executive branch of government to interpret and
5 enforce the unified ethics code. The bill shall be presented to the House
6 and Senate Rules Committees for introduction on the first day of the First
7 Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature.

8 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).