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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 528 (title am)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requesting the division of legal services of
7 the Legislative Affairs Agency to prepare a bill
8 relating to the laws governing standards of conduct
9 by public officers and employees; and providing for
10 an effective date."

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

12 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds
13 that

14 (1) the public perceives that the Select Committee on Legisla-
15 tive Ethics does not adequately police the conduct of legislators and
16 legislative employees;

17 (2) the public's perception will not change as long as a body of
18 the legislature is charged with policing legislative conduct;

19 (3) there is a need to make uniform the codes of ethics relating
20 to the legislature (AS 24.60), to officials covered by the conflict-of-
21 interest initiative (AS 39.50), and to the executive branch of government
22 (AS 39.52);

23 (4) neither the Alaska Public Offices Commission, the executive
24 branch agency charged with enforcing AS 39.50, the Personnel Board, nor the
25 executive branch agency charged with enforcing AS 39.52, has the resources
26 and staff necessary to enforce a unified ethics code applicable to all
27 branches of government, and both the Alaska Public Offices Commission and
28 the Personnel Board have other functions that would preclude them from
29 acting as the enforcement body for a unified code;

1 (5) it is desirable to create a unified code of ethics for all
2 state officers and employees, and to create a new body to be located in the
3 executive branch of state government, to enforce the unified code.

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

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