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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 550

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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 prohibiting certain political activities by  
7 certain state employees during the legislative ses-  
8 sion."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 39.25.160 is amended by adding a new subsection to  
11 read:

12 (j) During a regular session of the legislature, an employee in  
13 the exempt or partially exempt service whose position is established  
14 at or above Range 15 of the state salary schedule established in  
15 AS 39.27.011(a) may not actively engage in fund raising, including the  
16 hosting of fundraising events, and may not take part in a political  
17 campaign. This subsection applies only to fund raising and campaigns  
18 for statewide or legislative office and does not preclude fund raising  
19 for a political party.

20 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.25.178 is amended to read:

21 Sec. 39.25.178. EMPLOYEE POLITICAL RIGHTS. Except as provided  
22 in AS 39.25.160, a [A] state employee may

23 (1) be a member of a national, state, or local political  
24 party;

25 (2) take part in a political campaign;

26 (3) express political opinions; however, while engaged on  
27 official business, a state employee may not display or distribute  
28 partisan political material;

29 (4) register party preference;

1           (5) serve as a voting or nonvoting delegate to a party  
2 convention;

3           (6) be appointed, nominated, or elected to nonpartisan  
4 public office in a local government unit; and

5           (7) make contributions to a political party or a candidate  
6 for public office.