

**HOUSE BILL NO. 22**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE C.DAVIS**

Introduced: 1/21/91  
Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

**A BILL**  
**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to confidential communications to legislators and legislators-elect; to  
2 confidential legislative records; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 24.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **ARTICLE 6. CONFIDENTIALITY.**

6 **Sec. 24.05.200. CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS.** (a) A  
7 communication by a member of the public to a legislator or a legislator-elect involving a matter  
8 of public policy or relating to the official duties of the legislator or legislator-elect is confidential  
9 unless

- 10 (1) confidentiality is waived by the member of the public; or  
11 (2) the communication is offered as public testimony.

12 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, information regarding the substance of a  
13 communication or statistical information may be released if confidentiality as to the identity of  
14 the communicator can be preserved.

1 (c) A request to the Legislative Research Agency by a legislator, legislator-elect, or  
2 legislative committee for research is confidential. A report prepared by the agency in response  
3 to a request is confidential unless the requestor directs the agency to release the report as a public  
4 record.

5 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).