

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/19/91

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act providing for legislative disapproval of certain proposed settlements of litigation
2 by the attorney general."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 09.50.300 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 09.50.300. COMPROMISE BY ATTORNEY GENERAL. Subject to the
6 requirements of AS 44.23.070, the [THE] attorney general may, with the approval of the court,
7 arbitrate, compromise, or settle any action filed under AS 09.50.250 - 09.50.300.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 44.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 44.23.070. LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN PROPOSED
10 SETTLEMENTS OF LITIGATION. (a) If a proposed settlement of litigation involving the state
11 would require the state to pay, or would result in the state receiving, \$100,000,000 or more,
12 including costs, attorney fees, and interest, the attorney general shall submit the settlement to the
13 speaker of the house and the president of the senate within 15 days of reaching the proposed
14 settlement. If the proposed settlement is submitted under this section no later than the 75th day

1 of a regular legislative session, the attorney general may not make the proposed settlement final
2 until 60 days after the submission. If the proposed settlement is submitted while the legislature
3 is not in regular session, or after the 75th day of a regular session, the attorney general may not
4 make the proposed settlement final until the 60th day of the next regular session. If the
5 legislature enacts a law disapproving the settlement before the date on which the attorney general
6 may under this subsection make the proposed settlement final, the attorney general may not make
7 the proposed settlement final.

8 (b) The attorney general may make a proposed settlement subject to (a) of this section
9 final before the dates set out in (a) of this section upon the passage by both houses of the
10 legislature of a resolution approving the settlement.