

## SENATE BILL NO. 172

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/24/93  
Referred: RES, JUD

## A BILL

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the awarding of attorney fees and costs in civil actions to  
2 effectuate or vindicate a public policy of the state; and amending Alaska Rules  
3 of Civil Procedure 79 and 82."

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

5 \* Section 1. AS 09.60.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, in a civil action to effectuate or  
7 vindicate a public policy of the state, a prevailing party is entitled to an award of  
8 attorney fees and costs under the Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, notwithstanding a  
9 determination by a court that the losing party is a public interest litigant.

10 \* Sec. 2. AS 09.60.010(b), added by sec. 1 of this Act, has the effect of amending Alaska  
11 Rules of Civil Procedure 79 and 82 relating to awards of attorney fees and costs, by providing  
12 that a prevailing party in a civil action to effectuate or vindicate a public policy of the state,  
13 is entitled to an award of attorney fees and costs, notwithstanding a determination by a court  
14 that the losing party is a public interest litigant.