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Sec. 24.60.210. Deadlines for filing of disclosure statements.

A person required to file a disclosure statement under AS 24.60.200 shall file an annual report with the Alaska Public Offices Commission, covering the previous calendar year, containing the disclosures required by AS 24.60.200, on or before March 15 of each year.

History -

(Sec. 31 ch 127 SLA 1992; am Sec. 59 ch 74 SLA 1998)

Amendment Notes -

The 1998 amendment, effective January 1, 1999, substituted "A person required to file a disclosure statement under AS 24.60.200" for "A legislator and a legislative director" at the beginning and "March 15" for "April 15."

AS 24.60.210

Sec. 24 50.200. Financial disclosure by legislators, public members of the committee, and legislative directors.

A legislator, a public member of the committee, and a legislative director shall file a disclosure statement, under oath and on penalty of perjury, with the Alaska Public Offices Commission giving the following information about the income received by the discloser, the discloser's spouse or spousal equivalent, the discloser's dependent children, and the discloser's nondependent children who are living with the discloser:

(1) the information that a public official is required to report under AS 39.50.030, other than information about gifts;

(2) as to income in excess of \$1,000 received as compensation for personal services, the name and address of the source of the income, and a statement describing the nature of the services performed; if the source of income is known or reasonably should be known to have a substantial interest in legislative, administrative, or political action and the recipient of the income is a legislator or a legislative director, the amount of income received from the source shall be disclosed;

(3) as to each loan or loan guarantee over \$1,000 from a source with a substantial interest in legislative, administrative, or political action, the name and address of the person making the loan or guarantee, the amount of the loan, the terms and conditions under which the loan or guarantee was given, the amount outstanding at the time of filing, and whether or not a written loan agreement exists.

History -

(Sec. 31 ch 127 SLA 1992; am Sec. 58 ch 74 SLA 1998)

Amendment Notes -

The 1998 amendment, effective January 1, 1999, rewrote the introductory language and paragraph (1) and deleted former paragraph (4).

Article Notes -

Administrative Code. For legislative financial disclosure, see 2 AAC 50, art. 5.

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April 16, 2002

The Honorable Brian Porter
Speaker of the House
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RE: Ethics Committee Members - Annual Financial Disclosure

Dear Speaker Porter:

The Select Committee on Legislative Ethics unanimously approved at its April 9, 2002 committee meeting to request a modification of *AS 24.60.210 Deadlines for filing of disclosure statements*. The section requires public members of the ethics committee to file a financial disclosure on or before March 15 of each year.

The committee recommended the required financial disclosure be completed and filed *prior to* the legislative appointment process. This change would benefit the legislature as well as public member nominees.

The legislature would have an opportunity to review financial information along with the resume during the public hearing process. Any conflict of interest issues could be addressed during the hearing.

The advantage to public member nominees is they would become aware of financial disclosure requirements prior to being confirmed. As a point of information, a recent public member nominee confirmed by both bodies of the legislature later resigned because of the extensive financial reporting requirements.

Letter from Ethics Chair

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April 16, 2002
Honorable Brian Porter

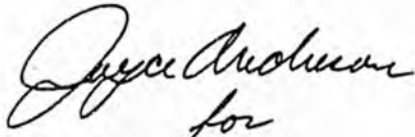
The Select Committee on Legislative Ethics requests the assistance of the House in changing AS 24.60.210 to require public member nominees to the ethics committee complete financial disclosure information prior to the confirmation process. The committee is available to help promote this change. This proposed modification may also be relevant for appointments to other boards and commissions before the legislature.

Proposed language: AS 24.60.210 Deadlines for filing of disclosure statements:

A person required to file a disclosure statement under AS 24.60.200 shall file an annual report with the Alaska Public Offices Commission, covering the previous calendar year, containing the disclosures required by AS 24.60.200, on or before the second Monday in January ~~March 15~~ of each year.

Please contact Joyce Anderson at the committee office or me at 907-443-5226 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joyce Anderson", with the word "for" written below it.

H. Conner Thomas
Chair

Alaska State Legislature



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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HOUSE BILL 526

"An Act relating to the deadline for filing disclosure statements for public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics."

House Bill 526 was introduced at the request of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. The current statute, AS 24.60.210, requires public members of the ethics committee to file a financial disclosure on or before March 15th of each year. House Bill 526 would require the public members of the committee to file their disclosures on or before the second Monday in January.

This recommended change, according to the committee, would benefit the legislature and public member nominees. The legislature would have the opportunity to review financial information along with their resume during the public hearing process. The public member nominee would be aware of financial disclosure requirements prior to being confirmed. A recent nominee confirmed by the legislature resigned due to the extensive disclosure reporting requirements.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: HB 526
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: All Departments
 Title Disclosures By Ethics Members BRU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor (H) Rules _____
 Requester House Rules Committee Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Agency Chairman