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Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Establishing an official policy of using neutral pronouns in the Alaska Statutes; and providing for an effective date.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 10

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: May 27, 1982
Actual Effective Date: Sections 1 - 3 take effect May 28, 1982; Section 4 takes effect August 25, 1982.

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in the Alaska Statutes; and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. AS 01.05.031(b)(10) is amended to read:

(10) change all sections, when possible, to read in the present tense, indicative mood, active voice, and if the use of personal pronouns cannot be avoided in a section change the section to read in the third person, and singular number, or any other necessary grammatical change in the manner generally followed in the Alaska Statutes;

* Sec. 2. AS 01.05.031 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) The revisor shall edit and revise the laws as they are enacted by the legislature, without changing the meaning of any law, so as to avoid the use of pronouns denoting masculine or feminine gender.

* Sec. 3. AS 01.10.050(c) is amended to read:

(c) Words of any gender may, when the sense so indicates, refer to any other gender [THE MASCULINE GENDER INCLUDE THE FEMININE AND THE NEUTER AND WHEN THE SENSE SO INDICATES, WORDS OF THE NEUTER GENDER MAY REFER TO ANY GENDER].

* Sec. 4. The revisor of statutes is directed to avoid the use of pronouns denoting masculine or feminine gender in the printed pamphlets of the Alaska Statutes as they are scheduled for reprinting.

* Sec. 5. Sections 1 - 3 of this Act take effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).