

**SENATE BILL NO. 89**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/13/19

Referred: Judiciary

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 24.60.030(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) A legislator may not directly, or by authorizing another to act on the  
5 legislator's behalf,

6 (1) agree to, threaten to, or state or imply that the legislator will take or  
7 withhold a legislative, administrative, or political action, including support for or  
8 opposition to a bill, employment, nominations, and appointments, as a result of a  
9 person's decision to provide or not provide a political contribution, donate or not  
10 donate to a cause favored by the legislator, or provide or not provide a thing of value;

11 (2) state or imply that the legislator will perform or refrain from  
12 performing a lawful constituent service as a result of a person's decision to provide or  
13 not provide a political contribution, donate or not donate to a cause favored by the  
14 legislator, or provide or not provide a thing of value; or

15 (3) **unless required by the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State**

1        **Legislature** [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN (g) OF THIS SECTION OR WHILE  
 2 PARTICIPATING IN A PUBLIC DISCUSSION OR DEBATE], take or withhold  
 3 official action or exert official influence that could substantially benefit or harm the  
 4 financial interest of **another** [A] person

5                    [(A) WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATOR'S  
 6 IMMEDIATE FAMILY;

7                    (B) BY WHOM THE LEGISLATOR OR A MEMBER OF  
 8 THE LEGISLATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS EMPLOYED;

9                    (C)] with whom the legislator is negotiating for employment [;

10                    (D) FROM WHOM THE LEGISLATOR OR A MEMBER OF  
 11 THE LEGISLATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY HAS, IN THE  
 12 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD, RECEIVED MORE  
 13 THAN \$10,000 OF INCOME].

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.60.030(g) is amended to read:

15                    (g) Unless [OTHERWISE] required by the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State  
 16 Legislature, a legislator **may not vote** [SHALL DECLARE A CONFLICT OF  
 17 INTEREST BEFORE VOTING] on a question [BEFORE A COMMITTEE OF THE  
 18 LEGISLATURE, AND SHALL REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM VOTING ON  
 19 A QUESTION BEFORE A HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE,] if the legislator [OR  
 20 A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY] has **an equity or**  
 21 **ownership** [A FINANCIAL] interest in a business, investment, real property, lease, or  
 22 other enterprise if the interest is substantial and the effect on that interest of the action  
 23 to be voted on is greater than the effect on **a substantial class of persons to which**  
 24 **the legislator belongs as a member of a profession, occupation, industry, or**  
 25 **region** [THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE STATE. HOWEVER,  
 26 NOTWITHSTANDING (e)(3) OF THIS SECTION AND THE LIMITATIONS OF  
 27 THIS SUBSECTION, A LEGISLATOR MAY VOTE ON AN APPROPRIATION  
 28 BILL THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF AS 37.07.020(a) OR 37.07.100].

29 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 24.60.030(j)(2) and 24.60.990(a)(6) are repealed.

30 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).