CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/22/19
Referred: Rules
Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) unless required by the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State
Legislature [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN (g) OF THIS SECTION OR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A PUBLIC DISCUSSION OR DEBATE], take or withhold official action or exert official influence that could substantially benefit or harm the financial interest of another [A] person

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

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

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

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

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

(g) Unless [OTHERWISE] required by the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, a legislator shall declare a conflict of interest before voting on a question before a committee of the legislature, and shall request to be excused from voting on a question before a house of the legislature, if the legislator [OR A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY] has an equity or ownership [A FINANCIAL] interest in a business, investment, real property, lease, or other enterprise if the interest is substantial and the effect on that interest of the action to be voted on is greater than the effect on a substantial class of persons to which the legislator belongs as a member of a profession, occupation, industry, or region [THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE STATE. HOWEVER, NOTWITHSTANDING (e)(3) OF THIS SECTION AND THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LEGISLATOR MAY VOTE ON AN APPROPRIATION BILL THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF AS 37.07.020(a) OR 37.07.100].

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

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