

An Act Relating to Government Accountability to the People of the State of Alaska

This act would restrict a legislator from taking or withholding official action that would help or harm the financial interests of certain people. These people include a legislator's family, employer, potential employer, and anyone from whom the legislator or his or her immediate family earned more than \$10,000 in the prior year. The act would require a legislator to declare conflicts of interest before voting in a legislative committee. And it would require a legislator to ask to be excused from voting in the legislature if the legislator has a financial conflict. The act would prevent lobbyists from offering or giving legislators gifts of alcoholic drinks or significant food. The act would ban legislators from receiving per diem after the first 121 days of a regular legislative session, until they pass a budget bill or the next regular session begins. The act would prohibit the state from paying for foreign travel by legislators, unless it clearly benefits the state and serves a legislative purpose. The bill would also restrict money that foreign-influenced corporations could spend to influence a state or local candidate election. The Alaska Public Offices Commission would adopt regulations to enforce this part of the act.

Should this initiative become law?