

**HOUSE BILL NO. 278**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER**

**Introduced: 2/24/20**

**Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to binding votes by or for a legislator under the Legislative Ethics**  
2 **Act."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 24.60.030(j) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

5 (4) "caucus" has the meaning given in AS 24.60.037(g);

6 (5) "legislative body" has the meaning given in AS 24.60.037(g).

7 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 24.60.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (k) A legislator may not commit or bind another legislator to commit, through  
9 a vote in a caucus, to vote for or against a bill, appointment, veto, or other measure  
10 that may come to a vote before a legislative body. Nothing in this subsection prohibits  
11 a legislator from

12 (1) voting in a caucus on a matter directly relating to the selection of  
13 an officer of the caucus or a leader of a legislative body;

14 (2) conducting an informal poll, outside of a meeting of the majority of

1 the members of a legislative body, to determine how another legislator may vote on a  
2 measure.