

SENATE BILL NO. 34

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR GARDNER

Introduced: 1/23/13

Referred: Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to office accounts for each member of the legislature for legislative
2 office expenses."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 24.10.110 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 24.10.110. Office accounts** [ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES]. In
6 addition, each member of the legislature is entitled to an annual **legislative office**
7 **account, as established by the legislative council, that complies with 26 U.S.C.**
8 **62(c) (Internal Revenue Code) and regulations adopted under that statute**
9 **relating to qualified business expenses under accountable plans** [ALLOWANCE
10 PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 39.23 FOR POSTAGE,
11 STATIONERY, STENOGRAPHIC SERVICES, AND OTHER EXPENSES].

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.10.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (b) The funds in the office account of each member of the legislature shall
14 remain in a separate account maintained by the Legislative Affairs Agency as

1 provided in (a) of this section, subject to the following:

2 (1) funds in a member's office account may be paid to the member
3 upon request of the member for reimbursement and after the agency determines that
4 the request for reimbursement is for a qualified business expense; and

5 (2) any funds remaining in a member's office account at the end of
6 each year shall lapse into the general fund as provided by law.

7 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
8 read:

9 **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to office accounts established on or after
10 January 1, 2014, under AS 24.10.110, as amended by this Act.