

# Three easy steps to make your voice heard in Juneau.

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• Connect with your legislators and with the legislature. I know Juneau is not an easy destination for many people. Call my office to set up an appointment. You can also write, email or call to discuss your views, issues, and more.

• Send me a letter or drop by the office!

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• Sign up for my newsletters: [Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov)

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Utilize the many available resources to follow legislative processes including bill and committee meetings, tracking bills, identifying committee members, viewing the legislative calendar, identifying local resources including legislative information offices (LIO) in your area, and much more! Watch Gavel Alaska at [360north.org](http://360north.org) or on your television on **channel 15** in Anchorage (with GCI).

Receive email updates regarding bills of interest using the Bill Tracking Management Facility (BTMF) found on the akleg website. Or receive updates by text using the **\*free 'text to track' service**.  
 \*text charges may apply depending on your phone plan.

**SMS Bill Tracking!** Text a bill number (ex: HB1) to 559-245-2529 to enroll in text alerts. You will receive an enrollment confirmation and instructions on how to stop receiving the alerts.

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29th Legislature(2015 - 2016)

## BILL HISTORY/ACTION FOR LEGISLATURE

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See where the bill is now.

BILL	SB 162	BILL	SSSB 162
CURRENT STATUS	(S)JUD	VERSION	
STATUS DATE	02/08/2016	SHORT TITLE	TERM. OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR SEX ASSAULTS
SPONSOR(S)	SENATOR GARDNER		
TITLE	"An Act relating to the appointment of guardians ad litem for parents; relating to petitions and proceedings for termination of parental rights; and amending Rules 1 and 6, Alaska Adoption Rules."		

Bill Number:

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Read or hear what you missed from prior committee meetings

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Check out the cost to the state from the fiscal notes

The sponsor statement provides justification for the legislation from the bill's sponsor. The documents tab provides additional supporting or opposing documents for the legislation.

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Provide testimony in support or opposition of legislation you care about. **Be clear and concise:**

- 1) When contacting your legislator about a bill or invitation, consider the following: If you are writing about a bill:
  - State the bill number (if available) or bill topic in the subject line.
  - State whether you are for or against the measure and briefly explain your position.
  - Your statement does not need to be long, but if you have personal expertise or a personal story please feel free to share it..
  - Written testimony is preferred over a phone call because it better allows for a record to be kept and can be more easily referenced.

When inviting your legislator to an event, place the date and time of the event in the subject line:

- e.g., Tudor Elementary Assembly Thursday Apr 6 at 1:30pm

- 2) Read sponsor statements and other provided documents using the BASIS system. Contact the sponsor directly with questions.
- 3) Contact the committee chair and members for which the bill has been assigned.
- 4) When the bill has passed all the committees, contact legislative leadership and tell them why the bill should or should not move to the Floor for a full vote. Rep. Edgmon is Speaker of the House, Rep. Tuck is Majority leader, and Rep. LeDoux is Rules Chair. Sen. Kelly is President of the Senate, Sen. Micciche is Majority leader and Sen Meyer is Rules Chair. Tell them why the bill should or should not receive a floor vote.