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

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* Section 1. AS 31.05.005(a) is amended to read:

(a) There is created as an independent quasi-judicial agency of the state the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, composed of three commissioners appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature in joint session. In making appointments to the commission under AS 31.05.009 [AS 31.05.009(1) AND (2)] and this subsection, the governor shall consider and give preference to a person who demonstrates experience in oil and gas operations in the state.

* Sec. 2. AS 31.05.009 is amended to read:

Sec. 31.05.009. Qualifications of members. Members shall be qualified as follows:
(1) one member shall be a petroleum engineer who

   (A) holds a certificate of registration as an engineer under
       AS 08.48 and, under regulations adopted to implement that chapter, has
       qualified as a petroleum engineer; or

   (B) has earned a degree from a university in the field of
       engineering and has at least 10 years of professional subsurface experience in
       the oil and gas industry in drilling, well operations, production process
       operations, reservoir engineering, or a combination thereof; for the purposes of
       this subparagraph, a person meets the requirement of earning a degree in the
       field of engineering if the person obtains an undergraduate or graduate degree
       in engineering that meets the requirements for program accreditation by the
       Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for
       Engineering and Technology and the person completes university or industry
       training specific to petroleum engineering that illustrates application of
       engineering principles to the problems encountered and methods used in the
       petroleum industry, including drilling, production, reservoir engineering, fluid
       flow through subsurface formations, and hydrocarbon transportation;

(2) one member shall be a geologist who

   (A) holds a certification as a professional geologist under
       AS 08.02.011 and has professional experience in the field of petroleum
       geology; or

   (B) has earned a degree in the field of geology from a
       university accredited in the field of geology and has a minimum of 10 years
       professional experience in the field of petroleum geology; and

(3) one member who shall have training or experience that gives the
    person a fundamental understanding of the oil and gas industry in the
    state [NEED NOT BE CERTIFIED, TRAINED, OR EXPERIENCED IN
    EITHER THE FIELD OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERING OR THE FIELD
    OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGY].