

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 179(FSH)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES**

**Offered: 2/15/96**

**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE THERRIAULT**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the commissioner of education and the commissioner of fish  
2 and game; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.07.145(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) The commissioner serves at the pleasure of the board and may not be  
6 appointed by the board for a fixed term [OF OFFICE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE  
7 YEARS. THE COMMISSIONER MAY BE REMOVED DURING A TERM OF  
8 OFFICE BY FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR CAUSE AS DEFINED IN  
9 THIS SECTION].

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.010 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 16.05.010. COMMISSIONER OF FISH AND GAME. The commissioner  
12 is the principal executive officer of the Department of Fish and Game. The  
13 commissioner shall be a qualified executive with knowledge of the requirements for  
14 the protection, management, conservation, and restoration of the fish and game

resources of the state. [THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A  
TERM OF FIVE YEARS.]

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 44.39.030 is amended to read:

Sec. 44.39.030. APPOINTMENT [AND TERM OF OFFICE] OF  
COMMISSIONER. The governor shall appoint the commissioner of fish and game  
from a list of qualified persons nominated by the Board of Fisheries and the Board of  
Game meeting in joint session, subject to the right of the governor to request  
additional nominations. The appointment shall be confirmed by a majority of the  
members of the legislature in joint session. The commissioner of fish and game serves  
at the pleasure of the governor and may not be appointed for a fixed term [OF  
FIVE YEARS].

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 44.39.050 is amended to read:

Sec. 44.39.050. REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONER. The Board of Fisheries  
or the Board of Game may submit a resolution to the governor requesting the removal  
of the commissioner. The resolution shall set out the grounds for the request and the  
governor shall give the commissioner and both boards an opportunity to be heard. The  
final decision to remove or retain the commissioner shall be made by the governor.  
The governor may also remove the commissioner without being requested to do  
so by a board.

\* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.07.145(f) is repealed.

\* **Sec. 6.** This Act applies to appointments made by the Board of Education and the  
governor, as applicable, on or after the effective date of this Act.

\* **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).