

HOUSE BILL NO. 333

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE PARNELL

Introduced: 5/3/95

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to licensure requirements for employees of the office of public
2 advocacy and the Public Defender Agency."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.08.210(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) Employees of the Department of Law, the Public Defender Agency, and
6 the office of public advocacy, whose activities would constitute the practice of law
7 under this chapter and under Alaska Bar Rules are required to obtain a license to
8 practice law in Alaska [,] no later than 10 months following the commencement of
9 their employment.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.85.060 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 18.85.060. ELIGIBILITY. A person is not eligible to be the public
12 defender or an assistant public defender unless admitted to the practice of law in this
13 state no later than 10 months following the commencement of the person's
14 employment by the agency [OR, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF

1 GOVERNORS OF THE ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION, IN ANOTHER STATE].

2 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.21.430(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) Only an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state may be
4 [EMPLOYED OR] retained under contract by the office of public advocacy to provide
5 legal representation. **A person is not eligible to be an attorney employed by the**
6 **office unless admitted to the practice of law in this state no later than 10 months**
7 **following the commencement of the person's employment by the office.**