

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 414(O&G) am S

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS

Amended: 4/26/00

Offered: 3/15/00

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the appointment and qualifications of the members of the
2 Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; and providing for an effective
3 date."

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

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

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

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

13 **Sec. 31.05.009. Qualifications of members.** Members shall be qualified as
14 follows:

(1) one member shall be a petroleum [LICENSED PROFESSIONAL] 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 [WITH EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND] in the field of [PETROLEUM] 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 [WITH EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND IN THE] field of petroleum geology; and

(3) one member who need not be certified, trained, or [AND] experienced in either the field [FIELDS] of petroleum engineering or the field of petroleum geology.

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

3 **APPLICABILITY.** The provisions of AS 31.05.009, as amended by sec. 2 of this Act,
4 do not apply to a person who is serving on the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
5 on the day before the effective date of this Act during

6 (1) the term of office being served on the day before the effective date of this
7 Act; or

8 (2) a subsequent term of office that is consecutive with the term of office being
9 served on the day before the effective date of this Act.

10 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).