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Sectional Analysis

HB 360 – Interstate Mining Compact & Commission

Passage of HB 360 would elevate Alaska from associate membership to full membership in the Interstate Mining Compact Commission, allowing the Governor to be an active, voting member.

Section 1: Amends AS 27 by adding:

- Sec. 27.08.010, which contains and enacts into law the Interstate Mining Compact, which includes the following articles:
 - o **Article 1:** Findings and Purpose – finds the importance of mining to the state and proposes to support environmentally sound mining,
 - o **Article 2:** Definitions – defines “mining” and “state”,
 - o **Article 3:** State Programs – ensures a member state has adequate mining regulations, which Alaska does,
 - o **Article 4:** Powers – specifies the power of the Commission to study, make recommendations, and gather and disseminate information on mining-related issues,
 - o **Article 5:** The Commission – creates the Commission,
 - o **Article 6:** Allows the Commission to establish Advisory, Technical, and Regional Committees,
 - o **Article 7:** Finance – details how the Commission’s finances are to be handled,
 - o **Article 8:** Entry Into Force and Withdrawal – describes that states must enact the compact to participate and must repeal the act to withdraw,
 - o **Article 9:** Effects on Other Laws – maintains that the compact does not limit, repeal, or supersede any state laws,
 - o **Article 10:** Construction and Severability – Provides that all phrases, clauses, sentences and provisions are severable;
- Sec. 27.08.020, which provides for an alternate; and
- Sec. 27.08.030, which requires the Interstate Mining Compact Commission to file its bylaws and amendments with the Department of Natural Resources.

Section 2: Provides for an immediate effective date.