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## REPRESENTATIVE MIKE CHENAULT SPEAKER OF THE ALASKA STATE HOUSE

### SPONSOR STATEMENT

**House Bill 383: "An Act relating to the membership of the board of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation; and providing for an effective date."**

House Bill 383 amends the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation's (AGDC) statutes to allow for out of state appointments. Last session, the legislature passed House Bill 4. This extensive legislation laid out a structure for AGDC as a corporation, defining what the legislature wanted and included language to define board appointments, items generally addressed in AS 39.05, existing statutes related to public officers and employees. AS 39.05.100 requires board appointees to be Alaskans, unless otherwise provided. House Bill 4 articulated board requirements, without specifically stating whether members had to be Alaskans or not, with the understanding that by not specifying, appointments could be U.S. citizens as stated in the Alaska Constitution. Legal guidance at the time, plus testimony, was that House Bill 4 language allowed both out-of-state citizens and Alaskan residents to serve.

What the sponsors neglected to do, and this was an oversight, is specifically exempt AGDC from AS 39.05.100.

House Bill 383 corrects this oversight.