

**SENATE BILL NO. 192**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Resources

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act accepting transfer to the state of the Tongass National Forest land from  
2 the United States; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 38.95 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 ARTICLE 7. TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST LAND.

6 Sec. 38.95.300. TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST LAND ACCEPTED. (a)

7 The state elects to receive all Tongass National Forest land made available to the state  
8 by the United States under the Tongass Transfer and Transition Act or other federal  
9 law.

10 (b) The state agrees that the

11 (1) Tongass National Forest land received by the state under this  
12 section is subject to all valid interests in and rights to the land that exist on the date  
13 of the transfer;

14 (2) transition provisions and procedures for the transfer of the Tongass

1 National Forest land to the state contained in the Tongass Transfer and Transition Act  
2 or other federal law apply to the transfer of land under this section; and

3 (3) rights and obligations of the United States under 43 U.S.C. 1601 -  
4 1629e (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) with respect to the land, rights in land,  
5 and use of land transferred under this section shall not be infringed by the state.

6 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).