

HOUSE BILL NO. 96

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE VEZEY

Introduced: 1/29/97

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to appointments to the Board of Fisheries or the Board of
2 Game."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.221(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) For purposes of the conservation and development of the fishery resources
6 of the state, there is created the Board of Fisheries composed of seven members
7 appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of
8 the legislature in joint session. The governor shall appoint each member on the basis
9 of interest in resource issues, support of the sustained yield principle [PUBLIC
10 AFFAIRS], good judgment, knowledge of the fishery resources of the state, and
11 ability in the field of action of the board, and with a view to providing diversity of
12 interest and points of view in the membership. The appointed members must
13 [SHALL] be residents of the state, must have held an Alaska fishing license during
14 each of the five years immediately preceding appointment to the board, and must

1 **have served for at least one full term before appointment to the board on an**
 2 **advisory committee established under AS 16.05.260. The governor shall appoint**
 3 **each member** [AND SHALL BE APPOINTED] without regard to political affiliation
 4 or geographical location of residence. The commissioner is not a member of the
 5 Board of Fisheries, but shall be ex officio secretary. **In this subsection, "fishing**
 6 **license" means a sport fishing license, limited entry permit, interim-use permit,**
 7 **or crewmember license or an identification card issued under AS 16.05.400(b).**

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.221(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) For purposes of the conservation and development of the game resources
 10 of the state, there is created a Board of Game composed of seven members appointed
 11 by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the
 12 legislature in joint session. The governor shall appoint each member on the basis of
 13 interest in **resource issues, support of the sustained yield principle** [PUBLIC
 14 AFFAIRS], good judgment, knowledge **of the game resources of the state**, and ability
 15 in the field of action of the board, and with a view to providing diversity of interest
 16 and points of view in the membership. The appointed members **must** [SHALL] be
 17 residents of the state, **must have held an Alaska hunting or trapping license during**
 18 **each of the five years immediately preceding appointment to the board, and must**
 19 **have served for at least one full term before appointment to the board on an**
 20 **advisory committee established under AS 16.05.260. The governor shall appoint**
 21 **each member** [AND SHALL BE APPOINTED] without regard to political affiliation
 22 or geographical location of residence. The commissioner is not a member of the
 23 Board of Game, but shall be ex officio secretary. **In this subsection, "hunting or**
 24 **trapping license" includes an identification card issued under AS 16.05.400(b).**

25 * **Sec. 3.** APPLICABILITY. AS 16.05.221(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, and
 26 AS 16.05.221(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, apply only to appointments made to the
 27 Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game after the effective date of this Act.