

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

Introduced: 3/7/97

Referred: Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the qualifications of the state forester."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 * Section 1. AS 41.17.020(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The division shall be headed by a director who shall be the state forester,
5 appointed to the partially exempt service in accordance with law by the commissioner,
6 from a list of two or more candidates submitted by the board. **In selecting candidates**
7 **for submission to the commissioner, the board shall solicit and consider**
8 **recommendations of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association or successor organization.**

9 The commissioner may reject all candidates, in which case the board shall submit a
10 new list. The state forester shall **have**

11 **(1) a bachelor's or higher degree in forestry from an educational**
12 **institution accredited by the Society of American Foresters; and**

13 **(2) at least three years of field experience in forestry** [BE A
14 NATURAL RESOURCES LAND MANAGER WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED
15 EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS, FAMILIAR AND EXPERIENCED WITH THE

1 RENEWABLE AND NONRENEWABLE RESOURCES AND THE VALUES OF
2 FOREST LAND AND THE PRODUCTS, BENEFITS, AND SERVICES OBTAINED
3 FROM THEM].