

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 182(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/16/98

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

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. **The commissioner**
7 **shall solicit and consider recommendations of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association**
8 **or successor organization when reviewing the candidates submitted by the board.**

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 a forestry-related program that**
12 **is 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].