

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 182(RLS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/25/98

Referred: Today's Calendar

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WILLIAMS, James

**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;**  
12 **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].