

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 274(O&G)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS

Offered: 2/20/98

Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the qualifications of the members of the Alaska Oil and Gas
2 Conservation Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 31.05.005(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) There is created as an independent quasi-judicial agency of the state the
6 Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, composed of three commissioners
7 appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature in joint session. **Before**
8 **making an appointment, the governor may solicit the recommendations of**
9 **professional or industry representatives for appointment of a commissioner.**

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 31.05.009 is amended to read:

11 **Sec. 31.05.009. Qualifications of members.** Members shall be qualified as
12 follows:

13 (1) one member shall be a **petroleum** [LICENSED PROFESSIONAL]
14 engineer **who**

1 (A) holds a certificate of registration as an engineer under
 2 AS 08.48 and, under regulations adopted to implement that chapter, has
 3 qualified as a petroleum engineer; or

4 (B) has earned a degree from a university [WITH
 5 EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND] in the field of
 6 [PETROLEUM] engineering and has at least 10 years of professional
 7 subsurface experience in the oil and gas industry in drilling, well
 8 operations, reservoir engineering, or a combination thereof; for the
 9 purposes of this subparagraph, a person meets the requirement of earning
 10 a degree in the field of engineering if the person obtains an undergraduate
 11 or graduate degree in engineering that meets the requirements for
 12 program accreditation by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the
 13 Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology including and
 14 completing course work specific to petroleum engineering that illustrate
 15 application of engineering principles to the problems encountered and
 16 methods used in the petroleum industry, including drilling, production,
 17 reservoir engineering, fluid flow through subsurface formations, and
 18 hydrocarbon transportation;

19 (2) one member shall be a geologist who

20 (A) holds a certification as a professional geologist under
 21 AS 08.02.011; or

22 (B) has earned a degree in the field of geology from a
 23 university accredited in the field of geology and has a minimum of 10
 24 years professional experience in the [WITH EDUCATIONAL AND
 25 PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND IN THE] field of petroleum geology; and

26 (3) one member who need not be certified, trained, or [AND]
 27 experienced in either the field [FIELDS] of petroleum engineering or the field of
 28 petroleum geology.

29 * **Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY.** The provisions of AS 31.05.009, as amended by sec. 2 of this
 30 Act, apply to persons appointed under AS 31.05.009 on and after the effective date of this
 31 Act.

1 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).