

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 83(FIN)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/16/97**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**1 "An Act making and amending appropriations; amending an appropriation from  
2 the constitutional budget reserve fund under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of  
3 the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."**

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

**5 \* Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION. (a) The unexpended and  
6 unobligated balance, not to exceed \$1,341,000, of the appropriation made in sec. 30, ch. 117,  
7 SLA 1996, page 12, line 11 (Longevity bonus grants - \$74,152,600) is reappropriated to the  
8 Department of Administration, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, in the amounts and  
9 for the purposes stated:**

<b>10</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION AMOUNT</b>
<b>11</b>	(1) Leasing and facilities program	\$ 993,700
<b>12</b>	(2) Settlement of ABBA, Inc. v. State	243,300
<b>13</b>	(1JU-96-1773 CI), relating to a	
<b>14</b>	procurement dispute concerning	

1 a state lease

2 (3) Costs associated with adjudicatory 104,000

3 claims relating to the Department

4 of Environmental Conservation

5 laboratory

6 (b) The sum of \$210,500 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
7 Administration, office of public advocacy, for operating costs for the fiscal year ending  
8 June 30, 1997.

9 (c) The sum of \$185,000 is appropriated to the Department of Administration, public  
10 defender agency, for operating costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, from the  
11 following sources:

12 General fund \$132,000

13 General fund program receipts 53,000

14 (d) The sum of \$65,600 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
15 Administration for the elected public officers retirement system for the fiscal year ending  
16 June 30, 1997.

17 \* **Sec. 2.** ALASKA AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. (a) The sum  
18 of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the earnings reserve of the Alaska science and technology  
19 endowment (AS 37.17.020(a)) to the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation for payment  
20 as a grant under AS 37.17.090(k)(1) to the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation for  
21 the Kodiak launch complex.

22 (b) The sum of \$23,000,000 is appropriated to the Alaska Aerospace Development  
23 Corporation revolving fund (AS 14.40.841) for construction of the Kodiak launch complex  
24 from the following sources:

25 Federal receipts \$ 18,000,000

26 Alaska Science and Technology Foundation 5,000,000

27 grant made under (a) of this section

28 \* **Sec. 3.** DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (a)  
29 The sum of \$4,300 is appropriated from general fund designated program receipts to the  
30 Department of Commerce and Economic Development for travel costs for staff of the division  
31 of measurement standards to attend the National Conference of Weights and Measures for the

1 fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

2 (b) The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from federal receipts from the United States  
3 Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, to the Department of  
4 Commerce and Economic Development to capitalize the small business economic  
5 development revolving loan fund (AS 44.88.400).

6 \* **Sec. 4.** DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS. (a) The sum  
7 of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the power cost equalization and rural electric  
8 capitalization fund (AS 42.45.100) to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for  
9 the power cost equalization program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997. It is the intent  
10 of the legislature to appoint a volunteer task force of consumers, electric utility and municipal  
11 officials, and legislators to review and make recommendations regarding the power cost  
12 equalization program. The task force shall make its report available to the legislature by  
13 January 12, 1998.

14 (b) The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from federal receipts to the Department of  
15 Community and Regional Affairs, division of community and rural development, for the Head  
16 Start program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

17 \* **Sec. 5.** DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated  
18 from federal receipts to the Department of Corrections for contract beds in community  
19 residential centers and for out-of-state contract beds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

20 \* **Sec. 6.** DISASTER RELIEF FUND. The sum of \$415,000 is appropriated from the  
21 general fund to the disaster relief fund (AS 26.23.300) to capitalize the fund.

22 \* **Sec. 7.** DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (a) The sum of \$3,750,000 is appropriated  
23 from federal receipts to the Department of Education, division of teaching and learning  
24 support, for Title I and Migrant Education programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

25 (b) The sum of \$600,000 is appropriated from federal receipts to the Department of  
26 Education, division of vocational rehabilitation, for costs of client service programs for the  
27 fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

28 (c) The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from federal receipts to the Department of  
29 Education, division of vocational rehabilitation, for vocational rehabilitation administration  
30 costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

31 (d) The sum of \$1,080,000 is appropriated from federal receipts to the Department

1 of Education, division of teaching and learning support, for the school to work programs for  
2 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

3 (e) The sum of \$30,000 is appropriated from general fund program receipts to the  
4 Department of Education, division of libraries, archives, and museums, for computer and  
5 software upgrades for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

6 (f) The sum of \$22,000 is appropriated from general fund program receipts to the  
7 Department of Education, Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School, for summer programs for the  
8 fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

9 \* **Sec. 8. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.** (a) The  
10 sum of \$632,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Corrections for  
11 replacement of the boiler system at the Fairbanks Correctional Center.

12 (b) The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
13 Military and Veterans' Affairs for radio equipment.

14 (c) The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
15 Health and Social Services for emergency communications equipment.

16 \* **Sec. 9. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.** (a) The sum of \$430,000 is  
17 appropriated from federal receipts to the Department of Fish and Game, division of wildlife  
18 conservation, for services required by federal grant awards for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
19 1997.

20 (b) The sum of \$115,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
21 Fish and Game for ongoing litigation costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

22 \* **Sec. 10. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.** (a) Section 30,  
23 ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 30, line 33, is amended to read:

24 ALLOCATIONS

25 Aid to Families with **121,909,800**  
26 Dependent Children [122,709,800]

27 (b) Section 30, ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 30, line 35, is amended to read:

28 ALLOCATIONS

29 Adult Public **44,458,200**  
30 Assistance [43,658,200]

31 (c) The sum of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from federal receipts to the Department

1 of Health and Social Services for increased Indian Health Service Medicaid reimbursement  
2 rates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

3 (d) The sum of \$750,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
4 Health and Social Services, division of family and youth services, for foster care program  
5 costs for children in the department's custody who require placement for the fiscal year ending  
6 June 30, 1997.

7 (e) The sum of \$99,300 is appropriated from federal receipts to the Department of  
8 Health and Social Services, division of public health, for operating costs for the fiscal year  
9 ending June 30, 1997.

10 (f) Section 30, ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 31, line 18, is amended to read:

	APPROPRIATION	GENERAL	OTHER
	ITEMS	FUND	FUNDS
13 Public Assistance Administration	<u>39,469,900</u>	<u>19,184,300</u>	20,285,600
14	[39,769,900]	[19,484,300]	

15 (g) Section 30, ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 31, line 22, is amended to read:

	ALLOCATIONS
17 Eligibility deter-	<u>20,280,500</u>
18 mination	[20,580,500]

19 (h) Section 30, ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 31, line 28, is amended to read:

	APPROPRIATION	GENERAL	OTHER
	ITEMS	FUND	FUNDS
22 Medical Assistance Administration	<u>16,782,300</u>	<u>6,036,900</u>	10,745,400
23	[17,082,300]	[6,336,900]	

24 (i) Section 30, ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 31, line 31, is amended to read:

	ALLOCATIONS
26 Claims processing	<u>12,252,800</u>
27	[12,552,800]

28 (j) Section 30, ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 32, lines 21 - 22, is amended to read:

	APPROPRIATION	GENERAL	OTHER	
	ALLOCATIONS	ITEMS	FUND	FUNDS
31 Youth Facility	<u>15,307,600</u>	<u>14,837,100</u>	470,500	

1 Services [14,707,600] [14,237,100]  
 2 McLaughlin Youth 9,309,400  
 3 Center [8,709,400]

4 (k) The sum of \$43,500 is appropriated from Mental Health Trust Authority receipts  
 5 to the Department of Health and Social Services for relocation and renovation of the Aniak  
 6 Mental Health Center.

7 \* **Sec. 11.** DEPARTMENT OF LAW. (a) Section 26(a), ch. 94, SLA 1995, is amended  
 8 to read:

9 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the [THE] sum of \$20,000,000  
 10 is appropriated to the Department of Law and, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 11 1997, the sum of \$7,206,700, which is the amount encumbered on June 30, 1996,  
 12 from that appropriation of \$20,000,000, is appropriated to the Department of Law  
 13 from the following sources, for costs relating to legal proceedings and audit activity  
 14 involving oil and gas revenue due or paid to the state or state title to oil and gas land  
 15 [, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1996]:

16	State corporation receipts	\$ 3,160,000
17	Budget reserve fund (art. IX,	
18	sec. 17, Constitution of the	
19	State of Alaska)	16,840,000

20 (b) The sum of \$1,548,257 is appropriated to the Department of Law to pay judgments  
 21 and claims against the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, from the following  
 22 funding sources:

23	General fund	\$ 1,532,314
24	Public employees' retirement fund	12,766
25	Teachers' retirement fund	3,177

26 (c) Section 32, ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 67, line 8, is amended to read:

27	General Fund Match	<u>107,500</u> [97,500]
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28 (d) Section 32, ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 67, line 10, is amended to read:

29	General Fund/Program Receipts	<u>586,600</u> [596,600]
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30 \* **Sec. 12.** DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS. (a) The sum  
 31 of \$220,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Military and Veterans'

1 Affairs for emergency alert system equipment.

2 (b) The sum of \$17,200 is appropriated to the disaster relief fund (AS 26.23.300) from  
3 amounts deposited in the general fund as designated program receipts from premium payments  
4 for flood insurance from victims of the Southcentral flood.

5 (c) The sum of \$17,200 is appropriated from the disaster relief fund (AS 26.23.300)  
6 to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for payment of premiums for flood  
7 insurance under the federal flood insurance pilot program authorized specifically for victims  
8 of the Southcentral flood.

9 (d) The sum of \$700,000 is appropriated from general fund match to the Department  
10 of Military and Veterans' Affairs for expansion of the Fairbanks armory.

11 (e) The sum of \$186,439 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
12 Military and Veterans' Affairs, Alaska National Guard, for the Youth Corps program for the  
13 fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

14 \* **Sec. 13. MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS.** The following amounts are appropriated from  
15 the general fund to the following departments to pay miscellaneous claims and stale-dated  
16 warrants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997:

17	DEPARTMENT	APPROPRIATION
18	Administration	\$ 37,331
19	Corrections	9,275
20	Fish and Game	1,271
21	Health and Social Services	30,322
22	Law	626
23	Public Safety	4,254
24	Transportation and Public Facilities	928

25 \* **Sec. 14. MUNICIPAL GRANTS.** (a) The sum of \$360,000 is appropriated from the  
26 general fund to the Department of Administration for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.315  
27 to the City of Unalakleet for repair or replacement of the Power Creek water transmission line.

28 (b) The sum of \$120,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
29 Administration for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.315 to the City and Borough of Juneau  
30 for emergency repairs to Perseverance Trail. This appropriation is conditioned on the signing  
31 of a letter of agreement between the state and the City and Borough of Juneau that the state

1 will transfer ownership of the right-of-way for the Perseverance Trail, which includes Mt.  
2 Juneau Trail and Granite Creek Trail, to the City and Borough of Juneau, by October 1, 1997,  
3 and that the City and Borough of Juneau and the Department of Natural Resources, division  
4 of parks and outdoor recreation, will continue discussions concerning transfer of ownership  
5 of the rights-of-way for the Mt. Roberts Trail and the Sheep Creek Trail.

6 \* **Sec. 15.** DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. (a) The sum of \$3,788,300  
7 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Natural Resources for fire  
8 suppression activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

9 (b) The sum of \$280,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
10 Natural Resources for refunds owed by the veterans' land discount program (AS 38.05.940)  
11 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997. The appropriation made by this subsection may not  
12 be used for administrative purposes. The department may not expend money from this  
13 appropriation to settle a claim unless the state has received a release for the claim settled.

14 (c) The sum of \$20,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
15 Natural Resources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, for costs of administering the  
16 refunds owed to veterans by the veterans' land discount program (AS 38.05.940) appropriated  
17 under (b) of this section.

18 (d) The sum of \$698,000 is appropriated from the Exxon Valdez oil spill settlement  
19 trust recognized in AS 37.14.400 to the Department of Natural Resources for the purchase of  
20 the Roberts parcel.

21 (e) The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from Mental Health Trust Authority receipts  
22 to the Department of Natural Resources, trust land office, for Alaska Psychiatric Institute due  
23 diligence activities.

24 (f) The sum of \$800,000 is appropriated from federal receipts to the Department of  
25 Natural Resources for the abandoned mines land program.

26 (g) The sum of \$800,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
27 Natural Resources for the airborne geophysical/geological mineral inventory project and an  
28 aeromagnetic study to identify natural gas deposits in the Holitna Basin.

29 (h) The sum of \$630,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
30 Natural Resources to prepare and administer timber sales in Tok, Delta, and Kantishna.

31 (i) The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of

1 Natural Resources to prepare and administer timber sales in Wrangell and Ketchikan.

2 (j) The sum of \$432,525 is appropriated from the public school trust fund  
3 (AS 37.14.110(a)) to the Department Natural Resources for an appraisal of public school lands  
4 to determine the fair market value of the public school trust land where the land was  
5 redesignated as general grant land in 1978. It is the intent of the legislature that the appraisal  
6 be completed by March 1, 1998.

7 (k) The sum of \$568,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
8 Natural Resources to prepare and administer the Kalgin Island II, Caribou Hills, South  
9 Ninilchik - Dome View, and South Ninilchik Block timber sales in the Kenai Peninsula.

10 (l) The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
11 Natural Resources for a land sale escrow account required for land sale contracts sold to First  
12 National Bank of Anchorage.

13 (m) The sum of \$43,900 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
14 Natural Resources for road upgrade for the Mat-Su harvest access program.

15 (n) The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
16 Natural Resources for the removal of existing buildings and other associated facilities at the  
17 Old Eagle School Site for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

18 \* **Sec. 16.** DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) The unexpended and unobligated  
19 balance of the appropriation made in sec. 30, ch. 117, SLA 1996, page 43, line 32 and  
20 allocated on line 34 (Village Public Safety Officer Program, Contracts - \$4,965,500) lapses  
21 into the general fund June 30, 1998.

22 (b) The sum of \$130,760 is appropriated from federal receipts to the Department of  
23 Public Safety, council on domestic violence and sexual assault, for costs related to  
24 implementation of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1996 for  
25 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

26 \* **Sec. 17.** RATIFICATIONS OF THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM. The following  
27 departmental expenditures made in fiscal years 1985 to 1995 are ratified to reverse the  
28 negative account balances in the Alaska state accounting system in the amounts listed for each  
29 AR number. The appropriations from which these expenditures were actually paid are  
30 amended by increasing them by the amount listed, as follows:

31 (1) Department of Administration

1	(A) AR 3583-85 Property Management	\$47,182.23
2	(B) AR 3581-86 Retirement and Benefits	654.29
3	(2) Department of Labor	
4	(A) AR 27540-91 Workers' Incentive	17,423.03
5	(B) AR 27849-93 Alaska Work Program	7,756.15
6	(3) Department of Health and Social Services	
7	(A) AR 22750-85 Fairbanks DOE Food Service	3,236.50
8	(B) AR 22751-85 Johnson Center Doc	151.84
9	(C) AR 22783-85 Laboratories 84	1,069.00
10	(D) AR 22752-88 Substance Abuse Res	10.00
11	(E) AR 22755-88 Epidemiology - Traffic	200.56
12	(F) AR 22788-88 Fairbanks MH Facil Maint	0.01
13	(G) AR 23031-89 Southern Region EMS Life-Pak	0.07
14	(H) AR 25063-89 PFD Hold Harmless	1,058.72
15	(I) AR 24649-90 Harborview Dev Ctr	31,464.50
16	(J) AR 22753-90 AK Trauma Registry	0.45
17	(K) AR 22796-90 Human Svc Valdez Oil	11,853.13
18	(L) AR 22797-90 Child Nutrition Prog	4,305.11
19	(M) AR 22713-92 FY92 OAC Nutrition	0.02
20	(N) AR 22724-92 Inmate Hlt Care Xray	14,500.00
21	(O) AR 22739-94 MIS Tech Asst ADA	293.11
22	(P) AR 22885-89 EIS Phase 1	0.80
23	(Q) AR 23122-95 MMIS	191,255.71
24	(4) Department of Natural Resources	
25	(A) AR 36631-91 Fire Federal Receipts	409,723.98
26	(B) AR 37311-93 Fire Federal Receipts	48,249.95
27	(C) AR 36893-90 Law Valdez Oil Spill	300.00
28	(5) Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs	
29	(A) AR 34538-85 Alaska Military Academy	90.15
30	(B) AR 34538-89 State Active Duty	144.10
31	(C) AR 34565-88 Federal Community Assistance	7,500.00

1	(D) AR 34537-85 Air Training Support	15,218.98
2	(E) AR 34537-86 Air Training Support	1,419.79
3	(F) AR 34537-87 Air Training Support	15,794.56
4	(G) AR 34532-85 Arm Facility Maintenance	1,754.18
5	(6) Department of Law	
6	(A) AR 13604-94 General Legal Services	500,604.50
7	(B) AR 13814-94 Clean Air Act	65.10
8	(C) AR 13852-94 General Services and Supply	1,036.20
9	(D) AR 13993-94 AHFC - MGIC Claims	0.01
10	(E) AR 13868-95 Admin - GAPPA	280.00

11 \* **Sec. 18.** DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. The sum of \$25,000 is appropriated from the  
 12 general fund to the Department of Revenue, treasury division, for equity investment  
 13 management fees for the constitutional budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of  
 14 the State of Alaska) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

15 \* **Sec. 19.** DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. (a)  
 16 The sum of \$130,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
 17 Transportation and Public Facilities, Alaska marine highway system fund (AS 19.65.060(a)),  
 18 for increased fuel costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

19 (b) The sum of \$444,500 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
 20 Transportation and Public Facilities to implement the consent decree in Trustees for Alaska  
 21 v. Hickel (the Copper River Highway case) (Case No. A92-245 CIV (JKS) (Consolidated)).

22 \* **Sec. 20.** ALASKA COURT SYSTEM. (a) The sum of \$32,200 is appropriated from the  
 23 general fund to the Alaska Court System to address the effect of ch. 107, SLA 1996 (welfare  
 24 reform legislation) on the trial courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

25 (b) The sum of \$30,400 is appropriated from the general fund to the Commission on  
 26 Judicial Conduct for increased operating costs and mandatory statutory salary increases for the  
 27 fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

28 \* **Sec. 21.** LEGISLATURE. (a) The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the general  
 29 fund to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee for a study that compares the salaries and  
 30 benefits of state employees to the salaries and benefits paid to employees in the appropriate  
 31 public and private markets in this state and in the Pacific Northwest and for a study that

1 compares the cost of living in each of the state's school districts.

2 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that the study funded by the appropriation made  
3 in (a) of this section, including the request for proposals, bid award, and final work product,  
4 be overseen by a steering committee consisting of equal number of members appointed by the  
5 legislature and by the governor.

6 \* **Sec. 22.** DESIGNATED GRANT. The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the general  
7 fund to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for payment as a grant under  
8 AS 37.05.316 to the Alaska Chapter of the Air Force Association for Air Show Alaska 1997.

9 \* **Sec. 23.** (a) The sum of \$550,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
10 Department of Community and Regional Affairs for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.316  
11 to Arctic Power for education efforts to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife  
12 Refuge for oil and gas exploration and production.

13 (b) The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Office of the  
14 Governor to promote and facilitate oil and gas development on the North Slope, including the  
15 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and National Petroleum Reserve.

16 \* **Sec. 24.** The appropriations made by secs. 3(b) and 6 of this Act are to capitalize funds  
17 and do not lapse under AS 37.25.010.

18 \* **Sec. 25.** The appropriations made by secs. 2, 8, 10(k), 12(a), 12(d), 15(d), 15(f) - (i),  
19 15(k), 19(b), and 23 of this Act are for capital projects and lapse under AS 37.25.020.

20 \* **Sec. 26.** The appropriations made by secs. 12(b), 12(c), 15(e), 15(j), 15(l), 15(m), 21, and  
21 22 of this Act lapse into the general fund June 30, 1998.

22 \* **Sec. 27.** The appropriation from the budget reserve fund amended by sec. 11(a) of this  
23 Act is made under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska.

24 \* **Sec. 28.** Sections 2 and 11(a) of this Act are retroactive to July 1, 1996.

25 \* **Sec. 29.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).