

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 12**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES JAMES, Therriault, Dyson, Harris**

**Introduced: 1/29/99**

**Referred: Transportation, Resources, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to a utility corridor and railroad right-of-way between the**  
2 **Alaska Railroad and the Alaska-Canada border."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 19.05.122(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) **Subject to legislative appropriation**, [NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1,  
6 1982, THE INTERIOR DIVISION OF] the department shall delineate a proposed  
7 utility corridor, **including a railroad right-of-way, between the right-of-way** [FOR  
8 THE EXTENSION] of the Alaska Railroad **and** [TO] the Canadian border. The  
9 proposed utility corridor shall include a complete legal description of the proposed  
10 railroad right-of-way.

11 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 19.05.122(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) Within 90 days after receiving a report transmitting the work [OF THE  
13 INTERIOR DIVISION] of the department under (a) of this section, the commissioner  
14 shall, in conformity with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), if necessary, adopt

1 a regulation approving, modifying, or rejecting the proposed utility corridor and  
2 railroad right-of-way.

3 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 19.05.122 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (e) In performing the work required by (a) of this section, the railroad  
5 alignment and identification of a railroad right-of-way of not less than 500 feet,  
6 together with adjacent sites that can be developed for necessary construction materials,  
7 shall guide the identification and delineation of the corridor.

8 (f) To complete the work required by this section, the commissioner may  
9 accept and, subject to legislative appropriation, expend any legal gifts and grants  
10 relating to the work and may enter into agreements relating to the work with the  
11 federal government, an agency or instrumentality of the state, a municipality, or a  
12 private organization.