

SENATE BILL NO. 901

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 11/16/00

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to statutes; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 01.05.031 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 01.05.031. Revision of statutes.** (a) Subject to the general policies that
5 may be adopted by the legislative council for the preparation and publication of the
6 annual cumulative supplement to and replacement books [PAMPHLETS] for the
7 Alaska Statutes and of the accompanying Temporary and Special Act pamphlets, the
8 revisor of statutes shall revise for consolidation into the Alaska Statutes and the
9 accompanying pamphlets all laws of a general and permanent nature and all laws of a
10 temporary or special nature enacted by the legislature.

11 (b) The revisor shall edit and revise the statutes [LAWS] for consolidation
12 without changing the meaning of any statute [LAW] in the following manner:

13 (1) renumber sections, parts of sections, articles, chapters, and titles;

14 (2) change the wording of section or subsection titles, or delete
15 subsection titles, and change or provide new titles for articles, chapters, and titles;

- 1 (3) change capitalization for the purpose of uniformity;
- 2 (4) substitute the proper designation for the terms “the preceding
3 section,” “this Act,” and like terms;
- 4 (5) substitute the proper calendar date for “effective date of this Act,”
5 “date of passage of this Act,” and other phrases of similar import;
- 6 (6) strike out figures if they are merely a repetition of written words or
7 vice versa, or substitute figures for written words or vice versa for the purpose of
8 uniformity;
- 9 (7) correct manifest errors that are clerical, typographical, or errors in
10 spelling, or errors by way of additions or omissions;
- 11 (8) correct manifest errors in references to laws;
- 12 (9) rearrange sections, combine sections or parts of sections with other
13 sections or parts of sections, divide long sections into two or more sections, and
14 rearrange the order of sections to conform to a logical arrangement of subject matter
15 as may most generally be followed in the Alaska Statutes;
- 16 (10) change all sections, when possible, to read in the present tense,
17 indicative mood, active voice and if the use of personal pronouns cannot be avoided in
18 a section change the section to read in the third person, and singular number, or any
19 other necessary grammatical change in the manner generally followed in the Alaska
20 Statutes;
- 21 (11) delete or change sections or parts of sections if a deletion or
22 change is necessary because of other legislative amendments that did not specifically
23 amend or repeal them;
- 24 (12) omit all temporary laws, all titles to acts, all enacting and
25 repealing clauses, all declarations of emergency, and all purpose, validity, and
26 construction clauses unless, from their nature, it may be necessary to retain some of
27 them to preserve the full meaning and intent of the law.
- 28 (c) The revisor shall edit and revise the statutes [LAWS] as they are enacted
29 by the legislature, without changing the meaning of any statute [LAW], so as to avoid
30 the use of pronouns denoting masculine or feminine gender.

31 * **Sec. 2.** AS 01.05.036 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 01.05.036. Improvement of statutes.** The Legislative Affairs Agency,
2 working in cooperation with the revisor shall make recommendations to the legislative
3 council concerning deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions in and the need for
4 reorganization or revision of the statutes, and, at the direction of the legislative
5 council, shall prepare for submission to the legislature legislation for the correction or
6 removal of the deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions, or to otherwise improve
7 the form or substance of any portion of the statutes [STATUTE LAW] of this state.
8 Each title of the Alaska Statutes shall be systematically reviewed at least once each
9 two years for deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions.

10 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect soon.