

SENATE BILL NO. 299

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/19/02

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the establishment of an additional southcentral panel to the Alaska**
2 **Workers' Compensation Board and to appointments to that panel; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 23.30.005(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The Alaska Workers' Compensation Board consists of a southern panel of
7 three members sitting for the first judicial district, a northern panel of three members
8 sitting for the second and fourth judicial districts, **four** [THREE] southcentral panels
9 of three members each sitting for the third judicial district, and one panel of three
10 members that may sit in any judicial district. Each panel must include the
11 commissioner of labor and workforce development or the designated representative of
12 the commissioner, a representative of industry, and a representative of labor. The
13 latter two members of each panel shall be appointed by the governor and are subject to
14 confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session.

1 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
2 read:

3 TERMS AND INITIAL APPOINTMENTS. (a) The governor shall expeditiously
4 make initial appointments to the new southcentral panel of the Alaska Workers'
5 Compensation Board, authorized by sec. 1 of this Act. The appointments made under this
6 subsection may not take effect before July 1, 2002.

7 (b) Notwithstanding AS 23.30.005(c) and AS 39.05.055, the terms of the initially
8 appointed members of the new panel who are representatives of labor or industry shall be set
9 by the governor as follows:

10 (1) the member who is the representative of labor shall serve a term of two
11 years;

12 (2) the member who is the representative of industry shall serve a term of
13 three years.

14 * **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

15 * **Sec. 4.** Except as provided in sec. 3 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2002.