

SENATE BILL NO. 265

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

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/14/04
Referred: Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the schedule of proposed oil and gas lease sales and to a related
2 report to the legislature; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 38.05.180(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) The commissioner shall annually [BIENNIALY] prepare, and [,
6 BETWEEN THE FIRST AND THE 15TH DAY OF THE FIRST REGULAR
7 SESSION OF EACH LEGISLATURE,] notify the legislature of [THE
8 AVAILABILITY OF, A FIVE-YEAR PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASING
9 PROGRAM CONSISTING OF] a five-year program [SCHEDULE] of proposed oil
10 and gas lease sales, [AND] specifying as precisely as practicable the location of tracts
11 [PROPOSED] to be offered for [OIL AND GAS] leasing during the calendar year of
12 the notification [IN WHICH THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS MADE
13 AVAILABLE TO THE LEGISLATURE] and the following four calendar years. The
14 commissioner may, at any time, notify the legislature of revisions, including

1 **additions, to the program. Notification to each legislator, by electronic message**
 2 **or other means, constitutes notification to the legislature under this subsection.**

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 38.05.180(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) Except as provided in (d) and (w) of this section, an oil and gas lease sale
 5 may not be held unless **the legislature was notified under (b) of this section** [IT
 6 WAS INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED LEASING PROGRAMS SUBMITTED TO
 7 THE LEGISLATURE DURING THE TWO CALENDAR YEARS PRECEDING
 8 THE YEAR IN WHICH THE SALE IS HELD]. A lease sale may not be held before
 9 the date **listed** [IT IS SCHEDULED] in the proposed, **or a revised,** oil and gas leasing
 10 program.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 38.05.180(e) is amended to read:

12 (e) **The** [SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH SUBMISSION OF THE LEASING
 13 PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER (b) OF THIS SECTION, THE] commissioner
 14 **annually** shall prepare, and notify the legislature of the availability of, a report
 15 containing the following:

16 (1) the schedule of all lease sales held during the preceding calendar
 17 year, the bidding method or methods utilized, and an analysis of the results of the
 18 bidding;

19 (2) if determined, a description of the bidding methods to be used for
 20 all lease sales to be held during the current and next two succeeding calendar years;

21 (3) the reasons a particular bidding method has been selected.

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