

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 300(O&G)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS

Offered: 1/25/06

Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE KOHRING

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the qualifications of the member of the Alaska Oil and Gas**
2 **Conservation Commission who need not be certified, trained, or experienced in either**
3 **the field of petroleum engineering or the field of petroleum geology."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 31.05.005(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) There is created as an independent quasi-judicial agency of the state the
7 Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, composed of three commissioners
8 appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature in joint session. In making
9 appointments to the commission under **AS 31.05.009** [AS 31.05.009(1) AND (2)] and
10 this subsection, the governor shall consider and give preference to a person who
11 demonstrates experience in oil and gas operations in the state.

12 *** Sec. 2.** AS 31.05.009 is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 31.05.009. Qualifications of members.** Members shall be qualified as
14 follows:

1 (1) one member shall be a petroleum engineer who

2 (A) holds a certificate of registration as an engineer under
3 AS 08.48 and, under regulations adopted to implement that chapter, has
4 qualified as a petroleum engineer; or

5 (B) has earned a degree from a university in the field of
6 engineering and has at least 10 years of professional subsurface experience in
7 the oil and gas industry in drilling, well operations, production process
8 operations, reservoir engineering, or a combination thereof; for the purposes of
9 this subparagraph, a person meets the requirement of earning a degree in the
10 field of engineering if the person obtains an undergraduate or graduate degree
11 in engineering that meets the requirements for program accreditation by the
12 Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for
13 Engineering and Technology and the person completes university or industry
14 training specific to petroleum engineering that illustrates application of
15 engineering principles to the problems encountered and methods used in the
16 petroleum industry, including drilling, production, reservoir engineering, fluid
17 flow through subsurface formations, and hydrocarbon transportation;

18 (2) one member shall be a geologist who

19 (A) holds a certification as a professional geologist under
20 AS 08.02.011 and has professional experience in the field of petroleum
21 geology; or

22 (B) has earned a degree in the field of geology from a
23 university accredited in the field of geology and has a minimum of 10 years
24 professional experience in the field of petroleum geology; and

25 (3) one member who **shall have training or experience that gives the**
26 **person a fundamental understanding of the oil and gas industry in the**
27 **state** [NEED NOT BE CERTIFIED, TRAINED, OR EXPERIENCED IN
28 EITHER THE FIELD OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERING OR THE FIELD
29 OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGY].