

SENATE BILL NO. 294

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/25/08

Referred: Labor and Commerce , Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the pay and duties of commissioners of the Regulatory Commission
2 of Alaska, establishing the position of executive director of the Regulatory Commission
3 of Alaska and defining the duties and powers of the position, and placing the executive
4 director and administrative law judges of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska in the
5 exempt service under the State Personnel Act."

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

7 * **Section 1.** AS 39.25.110 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

8 (43) the executive director and administrative law judges of the
9 Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 39.25.120(c)(18) is amended to read:

11 (18) hearing officers [AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES] of
12 the Regulatory Commission of Alaska;

13 * **Sec. 3.** AS 42.04.020(f) is amended to read:

1 (f) Members of the commission are in the exempt service and are entitled to a
 2 monthly salary equal to Step **F** [C], Range **30** [26], of the salary schedule in
 3 AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska. [THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION IS
 4 ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY SALARY EQUAL TO STEP C, RANGE 27, OF THE
 5 SALARY SCHEDULE IN AS 39.27.011(a) FOR JUNEAU, ALASKA.]

6 * **Sec. 4.** AS 42.04.050(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) The **commission shall employ an executive director** [CHAIR OF THE
 8 COMMISSION IS] responsible for **employing commission staff**, directing the
 9 administrative functions of the commission, and carrying out the **commission's**
 10 **policies, and shall determine the executive director's compensation** [AS SET BY
 11 THE COMMISSION]. The **executive director** [COMMISSION CHAIR] may employ
 12 engineers, hearing examiners, [ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES,] arbitrators,
 13 mediators, experts, clerks, accountants, and other agents and assistants considered
 14 necessary. **The executive director and administrative law judges of the**
 15 **commission are in the exempt service under AS 39.25.110.** Employees of the
 16 commission who are not in the exempt service under AS 39.25.110 or the partially
 17 exempt service under AS 39.25.120 are in the classified service under AS 39.25.100.

18 * **Sec. 5.** AS 42.04.050(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) The **executive director** [CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION] may enter into
 20 a contract for **not** [NO] more than \$5,000 to engage the services of a consultant or
 21 expert the chair **of the commission** considers necessary. The **executive director**
 22 [COMMISSION] may contract for and engage the services of consultants and experts
 23 the commission considers necessary.

24 * **Sec. 6.** AS 42.04.070(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) The chair of the commission shall
 26 [(1) EMPLOY THE COMMISSION STAFF;
 27 (2)] establish and implement a time management system for the
 28 commission **and** [
 29 (3)] assign the work of the commission to members and staff of the
 30 commission so that matters before the commission are resolved as expeditiously and
 31 competently as possible; when assigning a matter, the chair shall also set a date by

1 which time the matter should be completed.