

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to reorganize the Territorial
7 Government; repealing conflicting laws to
8 the extent of the conflict."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

10 Section 1. Office of Business Manager. There is hereby
11 created the office of Business Manager for the Territory of
12 Alaska.

13 Sec. 2. Business Manager. A Business Manager shall be
14 selected by a majority vote of the Legislature in joint session
15 assembled for a term of two years, and until his successor is
16 appointed and qualified. In case a vacancy occurs when the
17 Legislature is not in session, the Board of Administration shall
18 appoint an Acting Business Manager who shall serve with full
19 powers of Business Manager until the next succeeding regular or
20 special session of the Legislature and until his successor is
21 selected. The business manager shall be the administrative
22 officer of, and have power to appoint, and at his pleasure re-
23 move, the heads of the following departments and agencies of the
24 Territorial government. He shall appoint, to serve at his plea-
25 sure, the following: (a) a Commissioner of Health, who shall
26 be head of the Department of Health; (b) a Land Commissioner,
27 who shall be head of the Department of Public Lands; (c) a
28 Director of Welfare, who shall be head of the Department of
29 Public Welfare; (d) a Tax Commissioner, who shall be head of the

1 Department of Taxation; (e) a Commissioner of Agriculture, who
2 shall be head of the Department of Agriculture; (f) a Director
3 of the Alaska Department of Fisheries; (g) a Commissioner of
4 Education, who shall be head of the Department of Education; (h)
5 a Commissioner of Mines, who shall be head of the Department of
6 Mines; (i) a Director of Aeronautics and a Supervisor of Com-
7 munications who shall be heads of the Division of Aeronautics
8 and the Division of Communications, respectively, of the Depart-
9 ment of Aviation; (j) a Director of Employment Security, who
10 shall have and exercise all powers heretofore vested in the
11 Employment Security Commission; (k) a Commissioner of Veterans
12 Affairs, who shall be head of the Office of Veterans' Affairs;
13 (l) a Director of Alaska Development, who shall have and exercise
14 all powers heretofore vested in the Alaska Development Board;
15 (m) a Librarian and Curator of the Historical Library and
16 Museum. Persons serving in the positions named in this section
17 upon the effective date of this Act shall continue to serve
18 unless and until removed by the Business Manager.

19 Sec. 3. Powers of heads of agencies; transfer of powers.

20 The heads of the departments and agencies appointed as provided
21 in Section 2 shall, subject to the supervision and direction of
22 the Business Manager, be responsible for the operation of their
23 department; and all powers heretofore conferred on the following
24 boards relating to such departments, shall, from and after the
25 effective date of this Act, be exercised by said department and
26 agency heads: (a) Board of Health and Water Pollution Control
27 Board; (b) Aeronautics and Communications Commission, insofar
28 as such powers relate to the functions and responsibilities of
29 the respective divisions of the Department of Aviation; (c)

1 Alaska Fisheries Board; (d) Board of Education, Board of Voca-
2 tional Education, Teachers-Retirement Board; (e) Alaska Develop-
3 ment Board; (f) Library and Museum Commission; (g) Veterans'
4 Affairs Commission; (h) Employment Security Commission. The
5 boards named in this section are hereby abolished.

6 Sec. 4. Business Manager; supervisory powers. The Busi-
7 ness Manager shall have power to supervise and manage the
8 departments named in section 2 of this Act; and shall have power
9 to approve, alter, amend, or annul any rules and regulations
10 promulgated by the heads of departments appointed by him; and
11 shall have power to issue general orders respecting the manage-
12 ment of said departments; and shall have power to do all other
13 acts and things necessary or desirable to carry out the provi-
14 sions of this Act and to secure the maximum of economy and ef-
15 ficiency in the conduct of the agencies and departments super-
16 vised.

17 Sec. 5. Governor's advisory boards. In addition to all
18 other powers granted by law the Governor shall have power to
19 appoint, and at his discretion remove, the following advisory
20 boards: (a) a Board of Health; (b) a Water Pollution Control
21 Board; (c) a Fisheries Board; (d) a Board of Education; (e) a
22 Board of Vocational Education; (f) a Board of Aeronautics and
23 Communications; (g) a Teachers' Retirement Board; (h) an
24 Alaska Development Board; (i) a Library and Museum Board; (j)
25 a Veterans Affairs Board; (k) an Employment Security Board.
26 Each board shall be composed of five persons with at least one
27 member from each judicial division.

28 Sec. 6. Powers of advisory boards. The advisory boards
29 shall have power to study the needs of the Territory related to

1 the functions performed by the various departments and agencies,
2 and to advise the Governor, the Business Manager, and the de-
3 partmental and agency heads in relation thereto; and to report
4 to the public, and keep the public and the Governor informed of
5 the operation of the Territorial Government.

6 Sec. 7. Repealer. All laws or parts of laws, relating to
7 appointments, terms, powers and duties of officials and members
8 of boards named in this Act, that are in conflict with the pro-
9 visions of this Act are hereby repealed, but only to the extent
10 of the conflict.

11 Sec. 8. Effective date. This Act shall take effect and be
12 in force from and after its passage and approval, or upon its
13 becoming law without such approval, and it is so enacted.
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