

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 85

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Department of Highways
7 of the State of Alaska; providing for the
8 continuation of functions, powers and duties,
9 and providing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 Section 1. CREATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS. There is
12 hereby created and established the Department of Highways of the
13 State of Alaska, hereinafter referred to as Department of Highways.

14 Sec. 2. EXISTING AGENCY. The existing Alaska Highway Division
15 which, prior to the adoption of this Act, has been a division of the
16 Alaska Highway and Public Works Department, shall be and it is here-
17 by declared to be a temporary agency.

18 Sec. 3. DIRECTOR: POWERS AND DUTIES GOVERNED BY LAW, REGULA-
19 TION OR DELEGATION. The Department of Highways shall be under the
20 supervision of a Director. He shall be appointed and confirmed as
21 provided in the constitution of the State of Alaska.

22 The Director, when appointed, shall become the successor to the
23 presently existing Director of the Alaska Highway Division of the
24 Alaska Highway and Public Works Department and he shall be vested
25 with such powers and delegated such duties as have been prescribed
26 by law or regulation or which may have lawfully been delegated to
27 said Director of the Alaska Highway Division by the Alaska Highway
28 and Public Works Board, heretofore existing which Board controlled
29 and supervised the Alaska Highway and Public Works Department.

1 Sec. 4. TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS, POWERS, RESPONSIBILITY AND
2 DUTIES. The functions, powers, responsibilities and duties of the
3 Department of Highways shall be subject to changes made by the
4 governor by executive order.

5 Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND POWERS OF
6 DIRECTOR. The Director shall be appointed by the governor, subject
7 to confirmation by a majority of the members of the Legislature in
8 joint session. He shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and
9 shall receive such compensation as prescribed by law. The Director
10 shall be a competent graduate of an approved engineering school, ex-
11 perience in highway construction and maintenance and a licensed
12 engineer eligible to practice in any State. He shall not engage
13 in any professional occupation outside of the government in any way
14 related to the duties of his office. He shall supervise all ap-
15 proved highway planning, construction and maintenance and do all
16 other things that may be imposed upon him by law or by the governor.

17 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect immedi-
18 ately upon its passage and approval or upon its becoming law with-
19 out such approval.