

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR OWEN

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SENATE BILL NO. 23

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the powers of the Department of Public Works; amending Sec. 19, Ch. 64, SLA 1959; and providing for an effective date."

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

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Section 1. Sec. 19, Ch. 64, SLA 1959 is amended to read:

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Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. There shall be a principal executive officer of the Department of Public Works to be known as the Commissioner of Public Works.

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The Department of Public Works is hereby vested with the duties, powers, and responsibilities involved in the construction, maintenance, and operation of all state highways, ferries, roads, bridges, traffic signs and signals, airports, docks, floats, breakwaters, buildings and other like facilities; and in the supervision and maintenance of all state equipment, including aircraft, vessels, and automotive and mechanical equipment. The functions and authority heretofore performed and exercised by the Alaska Highway and Public Works Department, the Alaska Highway and Public Works Board, and the Alaska Highway and Public Works Commissioner; by the Department of Aviation, the Aeronautics and Communications Commission, the Director of Aeronautics, and the Supervisor of Communications with respect to the construction, maintenance, and operation of airports and the installation,

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1 maintenance, and operation of communications equipment; by
2 the Department of Finance relating to the management, care,
3 and custody of buildings; and by the Board of Education re-
4 lating to the construction and maintenance of school build-
5 ings are hereby transferred to the Department of Public Works.

6 Whenever it is not feasible for the design and engineer-
7 ing services or surveys to be performed by the staff of the
8 department, the Commissioner of Public Works may enter into
9 contracts with private engineering firms for design and en-
10 gineering services or surveys; provided, that when more than
11 one private engineering firm is available for such work, the
12 contracts shall be entered into on a competitive basis.

13 Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
14 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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