

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR OWEN

2 SENATE BILL NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the powers of the Depart-
7 ment of Public Works; amending Sec. 19, Ch.
8 64, SLA 1959; and providing for an effective
9 date."

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

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

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

15 The Department of Public Works is hereby vested with the
16 duties, powers and responsibilities involved in the con-
17 struction, maintenance, and operation of all state highways,
18 ferries, roads, bridges, traffic signs and signals, airports,
19 docks, floats, breakwaters, buildings and other like facili-
20 ties; and in the supervision and maintenance of all state
21 equipment, including aircraft, vessels, and automotive and
22 mechanical equipment. The functions and authority heretofore
23 performed and exercised by the Alaska Highway and Public
24 Works Department, the Alaska Highway and Public Works Board,
25 and the Alaska Highway and Public Works Commissioner; by the
26 Department of Aviation, the Aeronautics and Communications
27 Commission, the Director of Aeronautics, and the Supervisor
28 of Communications with respect to the construction, mainten-
29 ance, 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
4 relating 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
10 engineering services or surveys on a negotiated basis after
11 reasonable public notice has been given. All prices submitted
12 or negotiated by any individual or firm on any contract shall
13 be available for public inspection upon request.

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

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