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2 SENATE BILL NO. 97

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the establishment of the Alaska
7 Waters Resources Council; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 46 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 20. WATERS RESOURCES COUNCIL.

12 Sec. 46.20.010. COUNCIL ESTABLISHED. In order to further the
13 utilization, development, and conservation of all water resources of the
14 state for the maximum benefit of its people, the promotion and protection
15 of public health and public welfare, and to conserve water resources
16 for public water supplies, propagation of fish and aquatic life
17 and wild life, recreational purposes and agricultural, industrial and
18 other legitimate uses, there is created the Alaska Water Resources
19 Council.

20 Sec. 46.20.020. MEMBERS. The council shall be composed of five
21 members as follows: the commissioner of the Department of Fish and
22 Game, the commissioner of the Department of Health and Welfare, the
23 commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, the commissioner
24 of the Department of Public Works, or their designee from within their
25 departments; and the executive assistant to the governor. A person
26 designated under this section shall have the powers and be subject to
27 the duties and responsibilities of the officer appointing him. The
28 council is directed to carry out the functions and duties conferred on
29 it by this chapter.

1 **Sec. 46.20.030. COMPENSATION AND ORGANIZATION.** No additional
2 compensation shall be allowed a member of the council for services
3 rendered as a member. Actual and necessary travel and other expenses
4 incurred by members in the discharge of their official duties as
5 members of the council shall be paid out of funds which are or may be
6 made available for the purposes of this chapter. The council shall
7 organize and select one of its members representing a department to
8 serve as chairman of the council. Chairmanship of the council shall be
9 rotated regularly on an annual basis among its members representing
10 departments. The department furnishing the chairman shall provide
11 clerical assistance necessary to discharge the duties of the council.
12 However, technical, legal or other services shall be performed insofar
13 as practicable by personnel of state departments, agencies and offices.

14 **Sec. 46.20.040. MEETINGS.** The council shall hold at least four
15 regular meetings each calendar year and shall keep a record of its pro-
16 ceedings which shall be open to the public for inspection. Special
17 meetings may be called by the chairman and must be called by him upon
18 receipt of a written request signed by two or more members of the
19 council. Written notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be
20 delivered to the office of each member of the council. A majority of
21 the members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

22 **Sec. 46.20.050. POWERS AND DUTIES.** The council shall have the
23 following powers and duties:

24 (1) to make findings and recommendations as to state water
25 resource policy, coordination, planning and development including
26 legislative proposals to the governor and other state departments,
27 agencies and offices;

28 (2) to encourage and assist governmental agencies and
29 private interests with the development of water resources of the state;

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(3) to review, study and recommend water development plans of governmental agencies and private interests;

(4) to hold public hearings for the purpose of obtaining evidence and information relative to water resource problems, and to have the power to subpoena witnesses and records;

(5) to adopt rules and regulations for implementing or effectuating the powers and duties of the council under the provisions of this chapter.

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