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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 397

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Petroleum Commission."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 24.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 3. PETROLEUM COMMISSION.

10 Sec. 24.20.400. ALASKA PETROLEUM COMMISSION. (a) The Alaska  
11 Petroleum Commission is established, under the control and supervision  
12 of the Alaska Legislative Council. It is comprised of the following:  
13 the chairman of the natural resources committee of each house, the  
14 commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, the director of  
15 the division of oil and gas of the Department of Natural Resources, the  
16 director of the division of lands of the Department of Natural Resources,  
17 one member from the house of representatives (of a different political  
18 affiliation from the chairman of the natural resources committee of the  
19 house) who shall be elected by majority vote of the membership of the  
20 house of representatives, one member of the senate (of a different  
21 political affiliation than the chairman of the natural resources com-  
22 mittee of the senate) who shall be elected by majority vote of the  
23 membership of the senate, two members of the Alaska Oil and Gas Associ-  
24 ation appointed by majority vote of the Legislative Council, three  
25 members from the public at large appointed by majority vote of the  
26 Legislative Council, one consulting explorationist in the oil and gas  
27 field appointed by a majority vote of the Legislative Council, and one  
28 consulting oil and gas lease broker appointed by a majority vote of  
29 the Legislative Council.

1 (b) Vacancies on the commission shall be filled by the respec-  
2 tive selecting authorities for the remainder of the terms of the  
3 vacated positions.

4 (c) The commission shall elect one of its members to serve as  
5 chairman for a term prescribed by the commission.

6 (d) The members of the commission who are commissioners of  
7 departments or directors of divisions within departments are nonvoting  
8 members and may not be elected to chair the commission. However one  
9 such member shall be elected by the voting members as the executive  
10 secretary of the commission to serve for a term as prescribed by the  
11 commission.

12 Sec. 24.20.410. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office for non-  
13 governmental members is four years and they shall hold office until the  
14 selection of their successors. The Legislative Council may provide  
15 for staggered terms for the nongovernmental members. The term of  
16 office for the legislative members elected by their respective houses  
17 shall be for the duration of their term in office and they shall hold  
18 office until the selection of their successors.

19 Sec. 24.20.420. TRAVEL EXPENSES AND PER DIEM. Each member of the  
20 commission is entitled to payment of travel expenses and per diem as  
21 provided in AS 39.20.180, but is not entitled to receive compensation  
22 for his services.

23 Sec. 24.20.430. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. Administrative services  
24 for the commission may be provided by the Legislative Affairs Agency  
25 to the extent authorized by the Legislative Council.

26 Sec. 24.20.440. STATE RESEARCH FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO COMMIS-  
27 SION. The material of the state law libraries and other state  
28 libraries shall be made available to the commission. All state  
29 agencies and all persons connected with them shall give the commission

1 full cooperation and reasonable assistance in matters of research re-  
2 quiring recourse to them or to data within their knowledge or control.

3 Sec. 24.20.450. VOTES OF LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS. The legislative  
4 members are not bound by their vote on a given matter when it later  
5 comes up for consideration by the legislative body.

6 Sec. 24.20.460. RULES. The commission shall make rules providing  
7 for internal operation and administration.

8 Sec. 24.20.470. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall,  
9 within the limitations imposed by sec. 490 of this chapter

10 (1) examine the statutes and regulations of the state for  
11 the purpose of discovering defects in the law and regulations and  
12 recommend needed reforms;

13 (2) investigate and report on technological changes in the  
14 field of energy, especially in the conversion of coal to crude oil,  
15 oil from oil shale, oil from tar sands, and nuclear energy and the  
16 expected effects these technological changes might have on the Alaska  
17 oil and gas economy and production;

18 (3) investigate and report on the oil potential of sedi-  
19 mentary basins in the United States, Canada, and on the contiguous  
20 outer continental shelves and the effect a giant discovery might have  
21 in these areas on the Alaska oil and gas economy and production;

22 (4) obtain complete information on and compile a reference  
23 library on material from other oil producing states, the federal govern-  
24 ment and the provinces and federal government of Canada as they pertain  
25 to land and leasing policies, taking policies, exploration practices,  
26 and drilling and production practices, and transportation of crude oil;

27 (5) formulate statutes and regulations which may result  
28 from the investigation and study of the material in (4) of this section  
29 so that maximum benefits will accrue to the State of Alaska from its

1 oil and gas resources;

2 (6) investigate and report on the pricing of oil and gas and  
3 the size and location of national and international markets and the  
4 effect these items will have on oil and gas production and economy in  
5 Alaska;

6 (7) investigate and report on other items as directed by the  
7 legislature, the Legislative Council or the committee's own initiative  
8 to insure that petroleum policies of the state are such that the  
9 greatest maximum benefit is realized from the state petroleum resources  
10 to the state;

11 (8) receive and consider proposed changes from oil and gas  
12 associations;

13 (9) receive and consider suggestions from oil and gas  
14 companies, independent oil and gas operators, and the public generally,  
15 in matters relating to the oil and gas economy and production to the  
16 state.

17 Sec. 24.20.480. REPORTS. The commission shall, within the limi-  
18 tations of sec. 490 of this chapter, submit to the Legislative Council  
19 reports on its studies, which reports may include recommendations, pre-  
20 pared in accordance with the Legislative Affairs Agency's legislative  
21 drafting manual, as to revision of the laws. The reports and proposed  
22 legislative measures shall be printed by the Legislative Affairs Agency  
23 as authorized by the Legislative Council.

24 Sec. 24.20.490. STUDIES. The commission shall file with each  
25 regular session of the legislature a list of the topics selected  
26 by it for study, the studies in progress and the topics intended for  
27 future consideration. After the filing of its first list, the commis-  
28 sion shall confine its studies to those topics set out in its last  
29 preceding list which are approved for its study by concurrent

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