

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 481

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a division of geological survey."  
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 \* Section 1. AS 41 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 7. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

10 Sec. 41.07.010. DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. The commissioner  
11 of natural resources shall control and supervise the division of  
12 geological survey created and established under the Department of  
13 Natural Resources. The head of the division of geological survey,  
14 called the state geologist, has administrative powers and other  
15 delegated duties, as prescribed by law or regulation.

16 Sec. 41.07.015. SELECTION OF STATE GEOLOGIST. The governor  
17 shall select the state geologist from names submitted by a committee  
18 composed of the president of the Alaska Geological Society, the  
19 chairman of the Geology Department at the University of Alaska, the  
20 chairman of the Geology Department of Alaska Methodist University,  
21 the president of the Alaska Chapter, American Institute of Professional  
22 Geologists, the president of the Alaska Chapter, and the American  
23 Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers.

24 Sec. 41.07.020. POWERS AND DUTIES. The division of geological  
25 survey is authorized to make a complete geological survey of the state,  
26 giving special attention to all natural products of economic importance  
27 in order to determine the character, location, and amount of these  
28 products; and to provide information on and call attention to areas of  
29 potential danger of a geologic nature to private or public building

1 projects. An annual report by the division shall be made to the gov-  
2 ernor and the legislature. The report shall indicate specifically the  
3 lands that have been surveyed and the general progress and condition  
4 of the work.

5 Sec. 41.07.030. PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS. The annual  
6 and other reports of the survey, with proper illustrations and maps,  
7 shall be printed as the state geologist may direct, and the reports  
8 shall be distributed or sold by him as the interests of the state and  
9 of science demand. All money obtained by the sale of reports shall be  
10 paid into the general fund.

11 Sec. 41.07.040. COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.  
12 The state geologist may make provisions for topographic, geologic,  
13 and hydrographic surveys of the state in cooperation with the United  
14 States Geological Survey in such manner as in his opinion will be of  
15 the greatest benefit to the agricultural, industrial, and geological  
16 requirements of the state.  
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