

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

2 FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 98

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to appointments subject to legislative  
7 confirmation; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 39.05.020 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 39.05.020. APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OTHER EXECU-  
11 TIVE OFFICERS. The governor shall appoint the head of each principal  
12 executive department in the state government. Each appointment is  
13 subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature  
14 in joint session. The following executive appointments are also subject  
15 to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint  
16 session:

17 (1) The deputy head of each principal executive department of  
18 the state;

19 (2) director, division of banking;

20 (3) director, division of insurance;

21 (4) director, division of family and childrens services;

22 (5) director, division of corrections;

23 (6) director, division of oil and gas;

24 (7) director, division of elections;

25 (8) director, division of policy planning and research;

26 (9) director, division of personnel;

27 (10) director, division of budget and management;

28 (11) director, division of medical assistance;

29 (12) director, division of mental health;

1           (13) director, division of public health;

2           (14) director, office of telecommunications;

3           (15) director, division of marine transportation;

4           (16) director, division of waters and harbors;

5           (17) director, division of lands;

6           (18) state geologist, division of geological and geophysical  
7 surveys;

8           (19) director, division of agriculture;

9           (20) director, division of aviation.

10 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.05.080(2) is amended to read:

11           (2) When appointments are presented to the legislature for  
12 confirmation,

13               (A) the presiding officer of each house shall assign the  
14 name of each appointee to a standing committee of that house for a  
15 hearing, report and recommendation; standing committees of the two  
16 houses assigned the same person's name for consideration may meet  
17 jointly to consider the qualifications of the person appointed and  
18 may issue either a separate or a joint report and recommendation  
19 concerning that person; then

20               (B) the legislature shall, before the end of the session  
21 in which the appointments are presented, in joint session assembled,  
22 act on the appointments by confirming or declining to confirm by a  
23 majority vote of all of the members the appointments presented.

24 \* Sec. 3. AS 39.25.040 is amended to read:

25           Sec. 39.25.040. DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. The head of the division  
26 of personnel is the director of personnel appointed by the commissioner  
27 of administration and responsible to the commissioner of administration  
28 for the execution of the duties and responsibilities imposed by this  
29 chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter. The director of

1 personnel must have at least three years of practical working experience  
2 in the field of personnel administration. [THIS POSITION SHALL BE  
3 WITHIN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.]

4 \* Sec. 4. AS 39.25.120(2) is amended to read:

5 (2) the directors, division of personnel, division of mental  
6 health, division of public health, division of medical assistance, and  
7 those other [THOSE] directors of the major divisions of the principal  
8 departments of the executive branch as are specifically designated by  
9 the governor;

10 \* Sec. 5. Section 1 of this Act applies only to executive appointments  
11 made after the effective date of this Act.

12 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
13 070(c).

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