

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 336

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to employees of the Alaska Public
7 Utilities Commission; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 39.25.110(13) is amended to read:

11 (13) commissioners, the executive director, deputy director,
12 hearing officers, bureau chiefs of, and attorneys employed under AS 42.-
13 05.111(b) by, the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, and experts or
14 consultants for whose services the commission may contract from time to
15 time;

16 * Sec. 2. AS 39.25.120 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

17 (9) professional members of the staff of the Alaska Public
18 Utilities Commission including attorneys, except those employed under AS
19 42.05.111(b), accountants, economists, engineers, financial and research
20 analysts, tariff, consumer protection and information specialists;

21 * Sec. 3. AS 42.05.121(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) The commission may employ an executive director who shall have
23 had at least five years of experience in an administrative capacity or
24 [AND] who is experienced in public utility management or regulation.
25 The executive director may be one of the commission members; however,
26 the combined salary of an executive director who is a member of the com-
27 mission may not exceed that of a superior court judge. The commission
28 may employ engineers, hearing officers, experts, clerks, accountants,
29 and other agents, [AND] assistants and employees it considers necessary.

1 The executive director, a deputy director, hearing officers, bureau
2 chiefs, attorneys employed under sec. 111(b) of this chapter, and ex-
3 perts or consultants for whose services the commission may contract from
4 time to time are in the exempt service under AS 39.25.110. "Bureau"
5 means any section, division or other unit within the commission staff.
6 Professional members of the staff of the commission including attorneys,
7 except those employed under sec. 111(b) of this chapter, accountants,
8 economists, engineers, financial and research analysts, tariff, consumer
9 protection and information specialists are in the partially exempt
10 service under AS 39.25.120. All other employees of the commission are
11 in the classified service under AS 39.25.100 [IF NOT A MEMBER OF THE
12 COMMISSION, AND ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS OF THE COMMISSION, OTHER
13 THAN LEGAL COUNSEL, ARE IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE UNDER AS 39.25. THE
14 COMBINED SALARY OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMIS-
15 SION MAY NOT EXCEED THAT OF A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE].

16 * Sec. 4. AS 42.05.121 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 (c) The commission shall, by regulation, establish a personnel
18 management system for its employees.

19 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
20 070(c).