

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 592

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to representation of the State of Alaska before federal courts, federal agencies, and the courts in other states with respect to the state's public utilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 42.05.141(a) is amended to read:

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(a) The Alaska Public Utilities Commission may

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(1) regulate every public utility engaged or proposing to engage in such a business inside the state, except to the extent exempted by AS 42.05.711, and the powers of the commission shall be liberally construed to accomplish its stated purposes;

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(2) investigate, upon complaint or upon its own motion, the rates, classifications, rules, regulations, practices, services and facilities of a public utility and hold hearings on them;

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(3) make or require just, fair and reasonable rates, classifications, regulations, practices, services and facilities for a public utility;

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(4) prescribe the system of accounts and regulate the service and safety of operations of a public utility;

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(5) require a public utility to file reports and other information and data;

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[(6) APPEAR PERSONALLY OR BY COUNSEL AND REPRESENT THE INTERESTS AND WELFARE OF THE STATE IN ALL MATTERS AND PROCEEDINGS

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1 INVOLVING A PUBLIC UTILITY PENDING BEFORE AN OFFICER, DEPARTMENT,
2 BOARD, COMMISSION OR COURT OF THE STATE OR OF ANOTHER STATE OR THE
3 UNITED STATES AND TO INTERVENE IN, PROTEST, RESIST, OR ADVOCATE THE
4 GRANTING, DENIAL OR MODIFICATION OF ANY PETITION, APPLICATION,
5 COMPLAINT OR OTHER PROCEEDING;]

6 (6) [(7)] examine witnesses and offer evidence in any
7 proceeding affecting the state and initiate or participate in judicial
8 proceedings to the extent necessary to protect and promote the
9 interests of the state;

10 (7) initiate, intervene in, and appear personally or by
11 counsel and offer evidence in and participate in, any proceedings
12 involving a public utility, and affecting the interests of the state,
13 before an officer, department, board, commission or court of this
14 state.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 42.05.141 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (d) The commission shall provide all reasonable assistance to
17 the Department of Law in intervening, offering evidence, and
18 participating in all matters and proceedings involving a public
19 utility and affecting the interests of the state before an officer,
20 department, board, or commission of another state or the United
21 States.

22 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
23 10.070(c).