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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 418 (Resources)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska minerals commission;

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and providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. (a) The legislature finds that the minerals industries,
10 including metallic minerals, industrial minerals, and hydrocarbons, have
11 been traditionally and continue to be the major source of wealth and income
12 in the state.

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(b) The legislature further finds that there are major constraints on
14 the continued development of a diverse mineral industry in the state,
15 including the Environmental Protection Agency's effluent guidelines, state
16 water quality standards and improperly classified streams and rivers,
17 restrictions on surface access, complex and numerous permitting require-
18 ments, a limited access to minerals through mineral closing orders and
19 restrictions on multiple use through state and federal land use plans.

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* Sec. 2. ALASKA MINERALS COMMISSION ESTABLISHED. (a) The Alaska
21 Minerals Commission is established in the Department of Commerce and Eco-
22 nomic Development.

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(b) The commission is composed of 11 members. The commission shall
24 be composed of individuals who have at least five years experience in the
25 various aspects of the minerals industries in the state. The governor
26 shall appoint five members of the commission. The president of the Senate
27 shall appoint three members of the commission. The speaker of the House of
28 Representatives shall appoint three members of the commission.

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(c) The commission shall make recommendations to the governor and to

1 the legislature on ways to mitigate the constraints, including governmental
2 constraints, on development of minerals, including coal, in the state.

3 (d) The commission shall make its preliminary recommendations to the
4 governor and the legislature during the first 10 days of the First Regular
5 Session of the Fifteenth Legislature and shall make its final report to the
6 governor and the legislature during the first 10 days of the First Regular
7 Session of the Sixteenth Legislature.

8 * Sec. 3. This Act is repealed February 1, 1989.

9 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
10 10.070(c).