

1 IN THE HOUSE BY ZAWACKI, BROWN AND FRANK  
2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 99  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a legislative research division  
7 within the Legislative Affairs Agency; and providing  
8 for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the staffs of the  
11 House Research Agency, the Senate Advisory Council, and the Rural Research  
12 Agency should be combined into a single legislative research agency and  
13 that fiscal economies will be achieved by elimination of overlapping  
14 functions and staffs of the present research agencies.

15 \* Sec. 2. AS 24.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 Sec. 24.20.055. LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH DIVISION. There is estab-  
17 lished within the Legislative Affairs Agency a permanent research  
18 staff, to be known as the legislative research division. The estab-  
19 lishment of the division recognizes the need for nonpartisan, objec-  
20 tive research to support the legislature in its decision making. The  
21 division shall be headed by a research director appointed by the  
22 executive director of the Legislative Affairs Agency.

23 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).