

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2d SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 99

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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

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

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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 presiding officers of both houses of the legislature.

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