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IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 18

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

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

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

* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the staffs of the House Research Agency and the Senate Advisory Council should be combined into a single legislative research agency and that fiscal economies will be achieved by eliminating overlapping functions and staffs of the present research agencies.

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

Sec. 24.20.055. LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH DIVISION. There is established within the Legislative Affairs Agency a permanent research staff, to be known as the legislative research division. In establishing the division, the legislature recognizes the need for nonpartisan, objective research to support the legislature in its decision making. The division shall be headed by a research manager appointed by the presiding officers of both houses of the legislature.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.