

or function rendered by the said agency, subdivision, or utility making application therefor, and of the terms of the grant under which the land was acquired by Alaska.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage or approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Became law without signature April 20, 1960

## CHAPTER 156

### AN ACT

**Relating to the Alaska Public Service Commission; amending Ch. 199, SLA 1959; authorizing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.**

(C.S.S.B. 218)

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

Section 1. Sec. 2, Ch. 199, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2. Public Service Commission: Membership, Qualifications and Compensation.** There is hereby created within the Department of Commerce the Alaska Public Service Commission, which shall consist of three members to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature in joint session assembled. The term of office of each such member shall be six years, or until his successor is appointed and qualifies; provided, however, that the governor shall designate which, among his initial appointees, shall serve, respectively, for terms of two years, four years and six years, it being the intent hereof that terms of commissioners be staggered to insure continuity of experience on the commission. Members appointed to the commission shall be qualified as follows: one member shall be a graduate of an accredited school of law; one member shall be a graduate of an accredited university with a major in engineering; one member shall be a graduate of an accredited university with a major in finance, accounting, or business administration. Actual experience for a period of five years in the practice of law or in the field of engineering or in the field of finance, business administration or accounting is deemed equivalent to a degree. No member of the commission, nor any employee or agent thereof, shall have any official or professional relation or connection with,

or hold any stock or securities or have any pecuniary interest in any business or agency subject to regulation hereunder; provided, that membership in a cooperative association shall not be considered a "pecuniary interest" within the meaning of this section. The Governor shall designate one member of the commission to serve as chairman. The commission shall be under the general administrative supervision of the Commissioner of Commerce and the latter shall appoint the executive director of the commission, who may be a member of the commission. The Commission shall establish such offices within the state as may be necessary to the proper discharge of its duties. Members of the commission shall be entitled to the per diem established by law for other boards and commissions and shall be paid for their necessary travel expense. Each member of the commission shall take and subscribe to the oath prescribed for principal officers of the state.

Sec. 2. Subsec. (1), Sec. 3, Ch. 199, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Public utility" or "utility" means and embraces every corporation, whether municipal, public, cooperative or otherwise, company, individual, or association of individuals, their lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by any court having jurisdiction in the premises, that now or hereafter may own, operate, manage or control any plant or system for the generation, transmission or distribution of electric energy and power, for the furnishing of telephone or telegraph communica-

tions, for the transmission or distribution of heat, natural or manufactured gas, oil or other petroleum products, or water, or for the furnishing of community sewer services, and the plant and other facilities utilized for any of the foregoing purposes; provided, this Act shall not apply to the purveyor of water or oil or other petroleum products by tank, wagon or similar conveyance, to any public utility which does a gross annual business of less than \$100,000.00 nor to a municipally-owned and operated water or sewer utility. Application of this Act to any utility shall be held in abeyance pending adoption by the Legislature of specific legislation pursuant to the submission of a report and recommendation on the subject by the commission to the first session of the Second State Legislature in January, 1961. This Act shall not apply to the owner or owners or operator or manager of, nor shall it apply to, any pipe line, plant, system or equipment used primarily for gathering, collecting, transporting or shipping crude oil, natural gas, condensate or other petroleum substances or products produced by or belonging to such owner or owners or such operator or manager.

Sec. 3. Sec. 7, Ch. 199, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 7. Study of Laws and Practices of Public Utilities: Report and Recommendations to Governor and Legislature.** In addition to all other powers and duties conferred in this Act upon the commission, said commission shall have the following further additional duties: To make a careful study of all laws with the administration of which it is charged, of similar federal and state laws pertaining to utility regulation, of the practices of public utilities, and of the authority necessary for the commission to fully protect the public interest in respect to utility regulation;

and to make a special written report thereon and of any recommendations it may have thereon, and shall file copies thereof, both with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate within 10 days after the opening day of the First Session of the Second Legislature of Alaska, and, within the same time, shall also file a copy of such report with the governor. To assist the Commission in making such study, it is hereby authorized to prepare and submit questionnaires to public utilities calling for relevant information and it may hold hearings for that purpose and may issue subpoenas to witnesses commanding their attendance at such hearings, and said commission is hereby authorized to examine or cause to be examined, the books and records of any public utility in connection with such study.

Sec. 4. Sec. 8, Ch. 199, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 8. Employment and Compensation of Commission Personnel.** The commission is authorized to employ an executive director who shall be an experienced administrator, such engineers, examiners, hearing officers, experts, clerks, accountants and other assistants as it may deem necessary at such rates of compensation as it may determine, subject, however, to the personnel policies and regulations established or issued by the Commissioner of Administration pursuant to the State Organization Act of 1959.

Sec. 5. Money necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act may be appropriated in the general appropriation bill or in such other bills as are necessary.

Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved April 21, 1960

## CHAPTER 157

### AN ACT

**Authorizing the regulation of boxing, sparring, and wrestling contests or exhibitions; authorizing the Athletic Commission created by Ch. 147, SLA 1959, to issue and**