



# LAWS OF ALASKA

1997

**Source**

CSHB 120(JUD)

**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

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

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**Approved by the Governor:** March 12, 1997

**Actual Effective Date:** March 13, 1997

AN ACT

1 Relating to the power of the attorney general to waive immunity from suit in federal court;  
2 and providing for an effective date.

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4 \* **Section 1.** AS 44.23.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) Before January 1, 1999, the attorney general may, in a case that involves  
6 the state's title to submerged lands, or in any case in which the state seeks to allocate  
7 fault to the federal government or a federal employee under AS 09.17.080, waive the  
8 state's immunity from suit in federal court provided under the Eleventh Amendment  
9 to the Constitution of the United States. The expiration on January 1, 1999, of the  
10 attorney general's authority to waive the state's Eleventh Amendment immunity does  
11 not affect existing waivers in ongoing cases.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).