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## AN ACT

Relating to the establishment of an additional southcentral panel to the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board and to appointments to that panel; and providing for an effective date.

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

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**Approved by the Governor:** June 19, 2002  
**Actual Effective Date:** January 1, 2003

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2 Compensation Board and to appointments to that panel; and providing for an effective date.

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5 \* **Section 1.** AS 23.30.005(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The Alaska Workers' Compensation Board consists of a southern panel of  
7 three members sitting for the first judicial district, a northern panel of three members  
8 sitting for the second and fourth judicial districts, **four** [THREE] southcentral panels  
9 of three members each sitting for the third judicial district, and one panel of three  
10 members that may sit in any judicial district. Each panel must include the  
11 commissioner of labor and workforce development or the designated representative of  
12 the commissioner, a representative of industry, and a representative of labor. The  
13 latter two members of each panel shall be appointed by the governor and are subject to  
14 confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session.

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1     \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
2 read:

3           TERMS AND INITIAL APPOINTMENTS. (a) The governor shall expeditiously  
4 make initial appointments to the new southcentral panel of the Alaska Workers'  
5 Compensation Board, authorized by sec. 1 of this Act. The appointments made under this  
6 subsection may not be made before January 1, 2003.

7           (b) Notwithstanding AS 23.30.005(c) and AS 39.05.055, the terms of the initially  
8 appointed members of the new panel who are representatives of labor or industry shall be set  
9 by the governor as follows:

10                   (1) the member who is the representative of labor shall serve a term of two  
11 years;

12                   (2) the member who is the representative of industry shall serve a term of  
13 three years.

14     \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2003.