

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/18/19**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR WILSON**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act relating to judges of the court of appeals; and providing for an effective date."**

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

**\* Section 1.** AS 22.07.010 is amended to read:

**Sec. 22.07.010. Establishment.** There is established the court of appeals.

**Except as provided under AS 22.07.070(c), the court of appeals consists** [, CONSISTING] of three judges. The court of appeals is a court of record.

**\* Sec. 2.** AS 22.07.010, as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, is amended to read:

**Sec. 22.07.010. Establishment.** There is established the court of appeals,

**consisting** [. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER AS 22.07.070(c), THE COURT OF APPEALS CONSISTS] of three judges. The court of appeals is a court of record.

**\* Sec. 3.** AS 22.07.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) The chief justice of the supreme court may appoint acting court of appeals judges as needed to serve at the pleasure of the chief justice of the supreme court for a term of not longer than two years. An acting court of appeals judge must meet the qualifications established under AS 22.07.040. Service as an acting court of appeals

1 judge is not considered a judicial service for the purposes of AS 22.25 unless the  
2 acting court of appeals judge is subsequently appointed to the office of judge of the  
3 court of appeals under (a) of this section.

4 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 22.07.070(c) is repealed.

5 \* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
6 read:

7 REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION. The revisor of statutes is requested to change the catch  
8 line of AS 22.07.070 from "Vacancies" to "Selection of court of appeals judges."

9 \* **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 and 4 of this Act take effect July 1, 2021.