

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 4/28/95

Referred: Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission on Gaming and Gambling and relating
2 to commission recommendations regarding gaming and gambling in the state.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 WHEREAS the legislature has for many years wrestled with issues surrounding
5 gaming and gambling in the state; and

6 WHEREAS it is in the public interest that an independent analysis be conducted to
7 review policy issues dealing with gaming and gambling to determine whether any form of
8 gaming or gambling should be permitted in the state, and, if any gaming or gambling should
9 be permitted, to make recommendations regarding the regulation of gaming and gambling
10 activities; and

11 WHEREAS a commission consisting of representatives of both the legislative and
12 executive branches is required to properly review gaming and gambling issues and develop
13 recommendations regarding significant state gaming and gambling policies;

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Blue Ribbon Commission
15 on Gaming and Gambling is established to formulate recommended public policy with respect
16 to gaming in all its forms in Alaska through

1 (1) review of the extent and types of gaming and gambling activities currently
2 conducted in Alaska;

3 (2) identification of the relationship between gaming for charitable purposes
4 and class III gaming under 25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq. (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act);

5 (3) consideration of the operations and effects in other states of casino
6 gambling and other forms of gaming;

7 (4) consideration of public opinion regarding gaming and gambling;

8 (5) consideration of whether any form of gaming or gambling should be
9 permitted in the state;

10 (6) consideration of the need for a permanent gaming commission to oversee
11 gaming and gambling activities;

12 (7) consideration of the manner in which gaming and gambling should be
13 regulated and how the regulation should be funded; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Blue Ribbon Commission on Gaming and Gambling
15 shall consist of nine members as follows:

16 (1) three members appointed by the Governor;

17 (2) three members appointed by the President of the Senate; and

18 (3) three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
19 and be it

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, within funds made available for the purpose, the
21 commission may hire staff and, subject to approval by the Alaska Legislative Council, contract
22 for services to perform its duties under procurement procedures adopted by the council; and
23 be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Revenue, the Department of Public
25 Safety, the Department of Law, and the legislative research division of the Legislative Affairs
26 Agency shall provide assistance to the commission on request; and be it

27 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission shall report its findings and
28 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by January 15, 1996; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission is terminated at 11:59 p.m. on
30 January 15, 1996.