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Alaska Ireland Trade Commission

Sectional Analysis

Version W

Section 1. Establishes the Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission within the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development as a state commission. States the overall purpose: to promote, develop, and expand economic, educational, and cultural relations between Alaska and Ireland. Specifies that the commission consists of five members appointed by the governor, with members serving at the pleasure of the governor for staggered 3-year terms. Requires the commission to elect a chair from among its members and allows it to meet as necessary, subject to public notice and Alaska's open meetings requirements. Authorizes the department to accept and spend gifts, donations, and grants from public and private sources on behalf of the commission to carry out its work, thereby limiting reliance on general fund appropriations. Requires the commission to submit a written report of its activities, findings, and recommendations to the governor and the legislature by the 30th day of each legislative session.

Section 2. Specifies how the first appointed commission members terms will be staggered, with one member serving a 1 year term, 2 members serving 2 year terms, and 2 members serving full 3 year terms.

Section 3. Sets and immediate effective date.