

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 62**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR TOBIN**

**Introduced: 2/19/25**

**Referred: State Affairs, Labor and Commerce**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act relating to the board of parole; and providing for an effective date."**

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

**\* Section 1.** AS 33.16.020(a) is amended to read:

(a) There is in the Department of Corrections a board of parole consisting of seven [FIVE] members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of members of the legislature in joint session.

**\* Sec. 2.** AS 33.16.020(b) is amended to read:

(b) Members of the board serve for staggered terms of five years and may not serve more than two terms [UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE APPOINTED].

**\* Sec. 3.** AS 33.16.030(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(b) The board consists of seven members, including

- (1) one licensed physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist;
- (2) one victim of a crime, family member of a victim of a crime, or a member of a crime victims advocacy group;
- (3) one member who has experience in providing drug or alcohol

addiction recovery support or who has personal experience with drug or alcohol addiction; and

(4) one member of a federally recognized tribe in the state.

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 33.16.030(c) is amended to read:

(c) Officers or employees of the state may not be appointed to the board. **Not more than three members of the board may be current or former employees of a federal or private entity that operates a correctional facility or former employees of a state entity that operates a correctional facility.**

\* **Sec. 5.** AS 33.16.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) In this section,

(1) "crime" means an offense for which a sentence of imprisonment is authorized; a crime is either a felony or a misdemeanor;

(2) "federally recognized tribe" has the meaning given in AS 23.20.520.

\* **Sec. 6.** AS 33.16 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 33.16.280. Annual report.** (a) Not later than the 30th day following the convening of each regular session of the legislature, the board shall prepare an annual report of its operations and all parole hearings conducted in the preceding calendar year and deliver the report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available. The board shall also deliver the report to the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission and publish the report on its publicly available Internet website. The report must include information on discretionary parole hearings, special medical and geriatric parole hearings, parole revocations, and parole discharges for the preceding calendar year.

(b) The information required in the annual report relating to all parole hearings must include

(1) the number of each type of hearing held;

(2) the number of each type of hearing that resulted in parole being granted, denied, or continued;

(3) applicant demographic data, including age, gender, race, and ethnicity, for each type of hearing outcome;

(4) data on the applicant's most serious offense and whether a parole request was granted, denied, or continued;

(5) a summary of the statutory or regulatory criteria the board most frequently used in making its decisions;

(6) data on parole revocations, including specific violations that led to revocation;

(7) information on why a parole request was denied;

(8) data on the amount of time a person served on parole before a discharge was granted; and

(9) the voting record of each member of the board for each type of hearing.

\* **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION; APPOINTMENTS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 33.16.020(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, a member of the board on the effective date of this Act who has previously served two or more terms or is currently serving a second term may finish the term to which the member was appointed, but may not be reappointed.

(b) Notwithstanding AS 33.16.030(b), as repealed and reenacted by sec. 3 of this Act, a member of the board on the effective date of this Act may continue to serve the term to which the member was appointed.

(c) In this section, "board" means the board of parole.

\* **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.