

SENATE BILL NO. 176

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

SENATORS TOBIN, Gray-Jackson

Introduced: 1/16/24

Referred: State Affairs, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 * **Sec. 3.** AS 33.16.030(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 (b) The board consists of seven members, including

12 (1) one licensed physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist;
13 (2) one victim of a crime, family member of a victim of a crime, or a
14 member of a crime victims advocacy group;

15 (3) one member who has experience in providing drug or alcohol

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

3 (4) one member with a felony conviction in the state, for which the
 4 member has been unconditionally discharged; and

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

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

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

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

12 (d) In this section,

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

15 (2) "federally recognized tribe" has the meaning given in
 16 AS 23.20.520;

17 (3) "unconditionally discharged" has the meaning given to
 18 "unconditional discharge" in AS 12.55.185.

19 * **Sec. 6.** AS 33.16.085(a)(2)(C), 33.16.100(a)(4), and 33.16.100(g)(4) are repealed.

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

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

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

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

30 * **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.