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Sectional Analysis HB 181

Section 1: Amends AS 18.80.010 to rename the "State Commission for Human Rights" to the "Alaska State Commission for Civil Rights".

Section 2: Amends AS 18.80.020 by adding a new subsection to allow the Governor to remove any commissioner serving on the commission from office for cause such as incompetence, neglect of duty, and misconduct in office, and public statements and public or private actions that undermine the commission's work.

Section 3: Amends AS 18.80.060(a) by ensuring that the commission's assessments regarding progress toward equal employment opportunities, that are done once every three years, is summarized in a report within 90 days of the Legislature convening and is available electronically to the public as well.

Section 4: Amends AS 18.80.150 to direct the commission to complete its annual report of the preceding year's data on civil rights problems by November 15th of each year, and make the report electronically available to the public, and notify the Legislature and the Governor of the report.

Section 5: Amends AS 18.80.290(a) to make a conforming change regarding the name change of the commission for municipalities.

Section 6: Amends AS 18.80.300(2) to make a conforming change regarding the name change of the commission.

Section 7: Amends AS 18.80.300(5) to clarify that the definition of "employer" does not include non-profits, associations, social or fraternal entities under AS 10.20.005, religious associations and religious corporations under AS 10.40.010, and for-profit religious organizations AS 10.50.010.

Section 8 – 11: Makes conforming changes regarding the name change of the commission.