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## AN ACT

Creating a Rural Affairs Commission; and providing for an effective date.

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

\* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding a new article to read:

#### ARTICLE 9A. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

Sec. 44.19.700. CREATION. There is created in the Office of the Governor a Rural Affairs Commission.

Sec. 44.19.710. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. (a) The governor shall appoint not less than 25 nor more than 60 persons to serve on the commission. In appointing members of the commission, the governor shall seek the broadest possible representation for all Alaskans, giving due consideration to geographical area. Each appointee shall have been a resident of Alaska for at least five years preceding the date of appointment.

(b) Legislators shall be eligible for appointment to this commission.

(c) Any organization may submit names of persons eligible for appointment to this commission. The governor shall give consideration to such persons and to the extent possible the commission shall be representative of all rural areas in Alaska.

Sec. 44.19.720. CHAIRMAN, MEETINGS. (a) The commission shall select one of its members to serve as chairman.

(b) The commission shall meet annually in the state capital, and at such other times and places as circumstances require. Meetings may be called by the governor, or by a

majority of commission members.

Sec. 44.19.740. TERMS, REMOVAL, COMPENSATION. (a) Members serve for overlapping four-year terms. The first members appointed serve for one, two, three and four-year terms as determined by the governor. The chairman serves for a term set by the commission, not to exceed four years.

(b) Members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(c) Members receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

Sec. 44.19.750. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall:

(1) solicit and receive information, testimony and documentation regarding rural progress, including land claims.

(2) report findings and recommend action designed to assist the governor in reaching fair and equitable decisions regarding rural affairs.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.