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AN ACT

Relating to the creation of the commission for northern operations of rail transportation and highways; defining the commission's powers and duties; 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 new sections to read:

Sec. 44.19.700. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the office of the governor the commission for northern operations of rail transportation and highways.

Sec. 44.19.702. PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall act as an advisory commission to the governor and to the legislature to promote and implement the policy of the state regarding human and economic development of northern Alaska as defined by House Committee Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 10 am, Fifth Legislature, First Session.

Sec. 44.19.704. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION. The commission consists of 10 members, five from Alaska and five from the nation as a whole, appointed by the governor on a nonpartisan basis. Consideration shall be given to representation on the commission from groups interested in economic development of northern Alaska. Members of the commission shall be appointed as set out in AS 39.05.060.

Sec. 44.19.706. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

Sec. 44.19.708. CHAIRMAN AND QUORUM. The governor shall designate a chairman and vice chairman of the commission. Six members constitute a quorum.

Sec. 44.19.710. PERSONNEL. The commission shall employ sufficient personnel to carry out the provisions of secs. 700 - 714 of this chapter.

Sec. 44.19.712. POWERS AND DUTIES. The commission shall

(1) secure and study all information available relating to past and present studies, recommendations and actions made by state, federal and local government agencies specifically dealing with the human, economic and transportation problems of northern Alaska;

(2) develop working relationships with all governmental agencies and with representatives of all industries interested in the economic development of northern Alaska;

(3) study and develop information and recommendations regarding routings and feasibility of the various modes of transportation and establish relative construction data such as costs, construction time and other comparative data;

(4) review and report regularly to the proper committees of the legislature and governor on progress made toward implementation of the state's economic development policy for northern Alaska;

(5) receive and expend grants and appropriations from private and governmental sources for the purpose of developing and operating resource trails, roads and railroads to northern Alaska; and

(6) construct and maintain access improvements with the intent of developing resources of northern Alaska.

Sec. 44.19.714. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The commission shall make an annual report to the legislature within 20 days following the convening of each annual session of the legislature outlining progress toward full implementation of state development policy and expenditures in northern Alaska.

* Sec. 2. AS 39.05.060 is amended to read:

Sec. 39.05.060. APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENTAL BOARDS, COUNCILS, OR COMMISSIONS. Each member of the Local Boundary Commission, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Board of Education, Employment Security Advisory Council, Alaska State Housing Authority, Board of Fish and Game, Board of Tourism, and the Commission for Northern Operations of Rail Transportation and Highways shall be a citizen of the United States. The governor shall appoint each member on the basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge and ability in the field of action of the department for which appointed, and with a view to providing diversity of interest and points of view in the membership. Appointments are subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. Initial appointments of members are as follows: (1) in the case of three-member boards, for one, two, and three years; (2) in the case of five-member boards, for one, two, three, four and five

years; (3) in the case of six-member boards, two years; (4) and in the case of eight-member boards, two members serve for one year, two for two years, two for three years, and two for four years; (5) and in the case of 10-member boards, two members serve for one year, two for two years, two for three years, two for four years, and two for five years. Initial terms date from February 1 before appointment. A vacancy occurring during a term of office is filled in the same manner as the original appointment is made and for the balance of the unexpired term. Each member holds office at the pleasure of the governor notwithstanding the member's term.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.