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## AN ACT

Relating to the involvement of young people in government; 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:

#### ARTICLE 9D. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT.

Sec. 44.19.748. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION. There is created in the Office of the Governor, the Governor's Commission on the Involvement of Young People in Government.

Sec. 44.19.750. COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN. The commission consists of nine members, drawn from the fields of public affairs, education, the sciences, the professions, other fields of private endeavor, from the state service, and the commission shall include three additional members from the 17 through 22 age group. The members shall be appointed by the governor, without regard to political affiliation and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. One member shall be designated by the governor as chairman of the commission.

Sec. 44.19.752. 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. 44.19.754. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission shall establish procedures to enable it to recommend annually to the governor a group of promising young men and women from whom the governor may select both governor's interns and youth voting members of state

boards and commissions. The commission, in establishing these procedures, shall enlist the aid of Alaskans who are actively interested in working with young people. Following adoption of the procedures, the commission shall accept applications from individuals and nominations for consideration.

(b) Recommendations of the commission shall be limited to young people who

(1) have a capacity, desire, interest, ability and potential for leadership and service to the state;

(2) will have attained the age of 17 but not the age of 22 before the beginning of their service.

Sec. 44.17.756. GOVERNOR'S INTERNS. An intern shall be appointed to serve on the staff of the Office of the Governor for a period of time prescribed by the governor, with a maximum of one year. He may be assigned responsibilities in that office or in the office of a commissioner or other principal department or agency of the executive branch of state government. Service will begin at a time prescribed by the governor. Governor's interns are in the partially exempt service. Salaries shall be individually established by the governor on the basis of prior experience and the responsibilities of the position. Salaries shall not exceed \$700 per month or \$8,400 per year.

Sec. 44.19.758. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 39.05.100 or a provision of law relating to age, the governor may appoint any resident of Alaska to a board or commission if recommended by the commission.

(b) A young person recommended by the commission may be appointed to boards or commissions with special qualifications for membership if the proposed nominee, except for his age, meets the required qualifications as set by law.

(c) An individual appointed to a board or commission under this section is entitled to the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of other members, and his appointment is subject to confirmation by the legislature when required by law. No additional seat on a board or commission is created by virtue of secs. 748 - 758 of this chapter.

\* 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, Employment Security Advisory Council, Alaska State Housing Authority, Board of Fish and Game, Board of Tourism, Commission for Northern Operations of Rail Transportation and Highways, the Board of Directors for State-Operated Schools, and the Governor's Commission on the Involvement of Young People in Government 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 members serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years; (4) 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.