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## AN ACT

Relating to the New Capital Site Planning Commission; and providing for an effective date.

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

\* Section 1. AS 44.06 is amended by adding new sections to read:

#### ARTICLE 3. NEW CAPITAL SITE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Sec. 44.06.200. NEW CAPITAL SITE PLANNING COMMISSION. There is created in the Office of the Governor the New Capital Site Planning Commission.

Sec. 44.06.210. MEMBERSHIP. (a) Within 15 days after the effective date of this Act, the governor shall appoint a commission consisting of nine members, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. Members are appointed for four-year terms and may be reappointed. Members shall be appointed on a nonpartisan basis, and shall be selected as follows:

- (1) one member must be a registered engineer;
- (2) one member with a financial or economic background;
- (3) the mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough or his designee;
- (4) the mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau or his designee; and
- (5) five members appointed from the general public.

(b) The commissioners of administration, natural resources, public works, revenue, community and regional affairs or their designees, one state senator chosen by the president of the senate, and one state representative chosen by the speaker of the house shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the commission.

(c) The members are entitled to receive \$100 per day for their service on the commission and per diem and travel expenses as authorized by law.

Sec. 44.06.220. MEETING OF THE COMMISSION. The members shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among their membership. The governor shall call the first meeting of the commission within 15 days after appointment of the members. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for conducting business and exercising the powers of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman, at the request of a majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time as determined by the members.

Sec. 44.06.230. PURPOSE; DETAILED DEVELOPMENT PLAN; DUTIES OF COMMISSION. (a) The purpose of the commission is to prepare a detailed plan for development of the capital site within the guidelines enumerated in this chapter. This detailed development plan shall be completed no later than March 15, 1978 and shall be made subject to public input during its formulation. Following completion of the plan, the commission shall make public presentations of it throughout the state.

(b) The detailed development plan shall include, but need not be limited to, the following elements: government facilities, community facilities, transportation, public utilities, communication facilities, commercial and industrial development, residential development, resources, and environmental aspects. It shall include provisions addressing each element in terms of its social and economic impact. The plan should also address governmental jurisdictions, including statements as to the appropriate planning and development authority and recommendations as to the forms and powers of the local government. The commission shall also develop a planning and implementation work program.

(c) The commission shall perform physical and geotechnical site-specific analysis and related mapping.

(d) The commission shall conduct an analysis of the opportunity for the reorganizing and regionalization of state government, and develop a list of executive agencies which are expected to be located in the capital. This list shall include the offices to be moved, the number of personnel to be employed in those offices, and the anticipated required office space for that number of persons. This list shall be used for capital site planning purposes only, and is not binding as to which executive agencies may be located in the capital. The commission shall then develop a relocation phasing plan.

(e) The commission shall, no later than March 15, 1978, recommend to the legislature the type of development entity which would be responsible for capital city development as well as the powers and authority which should be vested in this development entity.

(f) The commission shall conduct a cost analysis which includes proposed construction schedules and related cost studies including but not limited to construction costs and escalation, energy efficient construction, and life cycle costing including operations and maintenance costs. The commission shall also prepare financing analysis including the investigation of funding alternatives and submission of a recommended financial plan to the legislature no later than February 1, 1978.

(g) The commission shall investigate the possibility of using existing facilities currently in the state which could serve as a construction camp and any fixtures or equipment necessary to operate the camp for the construction of the capital. The commission may accept the facilities, furnishings, and equipment as a donation to the state or it may execute an option on this property.

(h) The commission shall determine the environmental and use permits necessary for the construction of the capital and shall recommend to the legislature any possible methods to expedite this process while protecting the environmental quality of the area.

(i) The commission may undertake other activities as are appropriate to carry out its functions, including but not limited to investigating the most economical and expeditious means of procurement, construction methods, construction alternatives, and labor costs.

(j) In this section, "detailed plan for development of capital site" means the development of those facilities, public and private, described in the Capital Site Selection Committee Report dated December 11, 1976. The initial and overall site specific development plan shall be presented to the legislature no later than March 15, 1978.

(k) The commission shall provide a comprehensive assessment of the social, economic and environmental impact on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the City and Borough of Juneau in accordance with generally accepted standards for these procedures; the assessment shall emphasize the effect of governmental relocation on all items listed in this section.

Sec. 44.06.240. FUNDING. The commission is subject to the Executive Budget Act (AS 37.07) and funding by the legislature.

Sec. 44.06.250. ASSISTANCE TO COMMISSION. (a) The commission shall use all the competent professional and technical services required to assist in the planning. The commission shall hire full-time staff to provide support services, and it may choose the consultants which in its judgment are necessary to assist in the planning. The commission may also request any information which it

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considers essential from any agency of the state, and the agency shall furnish it in a timely manner. Staff of the commission is in the exempt service under AS 39.25.

(b) The commission shall develop an appropriate procedure in order to select competent firms to develop the elements involved in the capital site development plan within the time frame called for in sec. 230 of this chapter.

Sec. 44.06.260. REPORTS. The commission shall report on its work every six months. This report shall be distributed to the governor, presiding officers of the legislature, chief justice of the supreme court, and the general public.

\* Sec. 2. AS 39.50.200(9) is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read:

(MM) New Capital Site Planning Commission  
(AS 44.06.200).

\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).