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Providing for a Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control; and providing for an effective date.

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

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Providing for a Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control;
and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. TASK FORCE ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL. The Alaska Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control is established in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

* Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Alaska Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control consists of nine members appointed by the governor, without regard to political affiliation, to be selected as follows:

(1) one member from the Alaska State Firefighters Association from a list of nominees provided by the association;

(2) one member from the International Association of Firefighters from a list of nominees provided by the association;

(3) one member from the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association from a list of nominees provided by the association;

(4) one member representative of the insurance industry;

(5) a contractor or architect licensed under AS 08.18;

(6) a commissioner or executive officer of a regional native housing authority created under AS 18.55.996;

(7) an educator from the state public school system;

(8) one public member; and

(9) one member representative of the Alaska Municipal League from a list of nominees provided by the league.

(b) There shall be at least one member from each judicial district.

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* Sec. 3. OBJECTIVES. The objectives of the task force are to

(1) identify and provide a detailed account of the fire loss problem in the state, including causal factors;

(2) identify and define the present roles and relationships of the agencies in the state which are involved in fire protection activities at the local, regional, state and federal levels;

(3) recommend organizational or operational modifications to improve the effectiveness of the state's fire protection system;

(4) provide documentation that will assist all government agencies and fire fighting services in effectively meeting their fire protection responsibilities.

* Sec. 4. CHAIRMAN. The members of the Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control shall elect a chairman from the membership of the task force.

* Sec. 5. PROJECT DIRECTOR. The Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control shall hire an executive director to function as an impartial investigator and project director. The executive director shall be under the direction of the chairman and may, with the approval of the chairman, employ additional staff as necessary.

* Sec. 6. MEETINGS AND HEARINGS. The Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control shall meet at least once every three months. The first meeting shall be held not later than 60 days following the appointment of the nine members to the task force. Public hearings and meetings shall be held in areas of the state that are representative of its urban and rural fire protection problems.

* Sec. 7. COMPENSATION. The members of the Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for boards and commissions.

* Sec. 8. DUTIES. The Task Force on Fire Prevention and Control shall

(1) request and review information concerning the causes and

1 nature of fire losses in the state;

2 (2) hold public hearings and meetings to determine the extent of
3 public awareness of existing fire protection systems;

4 (3) study the activities of the various fire protection agencies
5 in the state;

6 (4) submit an annual report with recommendations for the improve-
7 ment of fire prevention and control in the state to the governor and the
8 legislature; the first annual report shall be submitted by January 1, 1982;
9 and

10 (5) by January 1, 1983, submit to the governor and the legislature
11 its final report which shall identify those interim report recommendations
12 which have been implemented, evaluate the practical effects of the implemen-
13 tation of the recommendations, and make further recommendations on the im-
14 provement of fire prevention and control.

15 * Sec. 9. This Act terminates on June 30, 1983.

16 * Sec. 10. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
17 070(c).