

SENATE BILL NO. 203

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Introduced: 1/20/00

Referred: Transportation, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to metropolitan planning organizations and to designation of a
2 metropolitan planning organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area; and
3 providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 19.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

6 **Article 2. Metropolitan Planning Organizations.**

7 **Sec. 19.20.200. Designation of metropolitan planning organizations.** In
8 order to coordinate transportation planning in urbanized areas and achieve the
9 transportation planning goals of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 - 5306, a
10 metropolitan planning organization shall be designated for each metropolitan area of
11 the state when required for participation in a federal transportation program. A
12 metropolitan area is an urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000 persons.
13 Each metropolitan planning organization shall be designated by act of the legislature.

14 **Sec. 19.20.210. Membership of certain metropolitan planning**

1 **organizations.** A metropolitan planning organization designated under AS 19.20.200
 2 for a metropolitan area with a population greater than 200,000 persons shall consist of
 3 five voting and two nonvoting members. A quorum of the organization is a majority
 4 of the voting members of the organization. Three voting members of the organization
 5 shall be designated by the municipalities that are located partially or wholly within the
 6 metropolitan area, and two voting members shall be appointed by the governor. The
 7 two nonvoting members shall be designated as follows:

8 (1) one member of the senate whose district is located wholly within
 9 the metropolitan area and who is selected by a majority of the members of the senate
 10 whose districts are located partially or wholly within the metropolitan area; a person
 11 who is selected to serve as a member of a metropolitan planning organization under
 12 this paragraph may not receive compensation for service on the metropolitan planning
 13 organization; and

14 (2) one member of the house of representatives whose district is located
 15 wholly within the metropolitan area and who is selected by a majority of the members
 16 of the house of representatives whose districts are located partially or wholly within
 17 the metropolitan area; a person who is selected to serve as a member of a metropolitan
 18 planning organization under this paragraph may not receive compensation for service
 19 on the metropolitan planning organization.

20 **Sec. 19.20.220. Duties.** Each metropolitan planning organization shall submit
 21 its current transportation improvement plan prepared under 23 C.F.R. 450.324 or
 22 current update of the transportation improvement plan to the legislature by January 15
 23 of each year.

24 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
 25 to read:

26 DESIGNATION OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE
 27 ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA. (a) The governor shall establish a metropolitan
 28 planning organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area in conformance with AS 19.20.200
 29 and 19.20.210, added by sec. 1 of this Act, and with applicable federal law.

30 (b) This provision constitutes legislative designation of a metropolitan planning
 31 organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area in accordance with AS 19.20.200, added by

1 sec. 1 of this Act.

2 * **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2001.