

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(STA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/4/01
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to acquisition and development of the Jesse Lee Home; and providing**
2 **for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 FINDINGS; INTENT. (a) The legislature finds that the Jesse Lee Home in Seward
7 has historical significance for all the people of the state because John Ben (Benny) Benson,
8 Jr., lived at the home when he designed the state flag.

9 (b) The legislature further finds that the Jesse Lee Home is currently in such
10 dilapidated condition, having been vacant since it was damaged by the 1964 earthquake, that
11 the home's renovation may be beyond the means of the local community.

12 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that the Jesse Lee Home and the real property on
13 which it is located be preserved and managed in a manner that recognizes its place in the
14 state's history. Appropriate management would include the erection of a monument honoring

1 Benny Benson for his role in designing the state flag and development of the site as a place
2 where community events and ceremonies could be held.

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

5 JESSE LEE HOME. (a) The Department of Natural Resources shall determine the
6 costs and procedures necessary for the preservation, development, and management of the
7 Jesse Lee Home. The department shall report to the governor and the legislature by
8 November 1, 2002, concerning its recommendations as to the procedures to be used and an
9 estimate of costs involved for preservation of the home, erection of an appropriate monument,
10 development of the site for future appropriate uses, and ongoing management.

11 (b) Subject to the availability of an appropriation specified as being for the acquisition
12 of the Jesse Lee Home, the Department of Natural Resources may acquire the Jesse Lee
13 Home and develop and manage it consistent with the intent of this Act.

14 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2001.