HOUSE BILL NO. 100

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCGUIRE, Hayes, Halcro, Murkowski, Meyer, Dyson, James, Cissna

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Introduced: 1/31/01
Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act establishing the third Saturday of each June as Juneteenth Day."

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

*** Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

Sec. 44.12.090. Juneteenth Day. Juneteenth Day is established on the third Saturday in June each year to commemorate the abolition of slavery throughout the United States and its territories in 1865 and to remind all Americans of the status and importance of Americans of African descent as American citizens. The governor shall issue a proclamation to commemorate the day. Juneteenth Day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public, and citizens of the state are urged to reflect on the suffering and sacrifice endured by millions of early African-Americans and to appreciate the unique freedom and equality enjoyed by all state citizens today.