

HOUSE BILL NO. 96

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER

Introduced: 1/26/01

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

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 is 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 acquired by the state and managed in a manner that recognizes its place
14 in the state's history. Appropriate management would include the erection of a monument

1 honoring Benny Benson for his role in designing the state flag and development of the site as
2 a place 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 state museum established under AS 14.57, with the
6 advice of the Museum Collections Advisory Committee established under AS 14.57.020, shall
7 determine the costs and procedures necessary for the state to acquire, develop, and manage
8 the Jesse Lee Home. The state museum shall report to the governor and the legislature by
9 November 1, 2001, concerning its recommendations as to the procedures to be used and an
10 estimate of costs involved for state acquisition of the home, erection of an appropriate
11 monument, development of the site for future appropriate uses, and ongoing management.

12 (b) Subject to the availability of an appropriation specified as being for the acquisition
13 of the Jesse Lee Home, the state museum shall acquire the Jesse Lee Home and develop and
14 manage it consistent with the intent of this Act.

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