

SENATE BILL NO. 71

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

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