

SENATE BILL NO. 88

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

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Referred: Transportation, Community and Regional Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to metropolitan planning organizations and to establishment 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. Establishment 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 established 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 established by act of the legislature.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (b) This provision constitutes legislative establishment of a metropolitan planning
 25 organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area in accordance with AS 19.20.200, added by
 26 sec. 1 of this Act.

27 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that the membership of the current metropolitan
 28 planning organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area (known as AMATS) be
 29 restructured in accordance with this Act in a manner that does not constitute a redesignation
 30 of the metropolitan planning organization under federal law.

31 * **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2002.