

**HOUSE BILL NO. 476**

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

**BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON**

**Introduced: 2/16/04**

**Referred: State Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission; and providing for**  
2 **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 PURPOSE OF THE ACT. January 2009, will mark the 50th anniversary of Alaska's  
7 admission as the 49th state of the United States of America. It is fitting that the occasion be  
8 marked by a celebration commensurate with the state's magnificent heritage and in ways that  
9 reflect upon the opportunities that 50 years of Statehood have brought to the state and the  
10 people. Appropriate recognition of those benefits and scheduling of a statewide celebration  
11 to commemorate the occasion will require advance research, planning, and preparation. To  
12 that end, an Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission is established and its powers and  
13 duties set out.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 ALASKA STATEHOOD CELEBRATION COMMISSION. (a) The Alaska  
3 Statehood Celebration Commission is established. The commission consists of 17 members,  
4 determined as follows:

5 (1) the governor shall appoint 12 public members of the commission, of whom  
6 at least two members shall be residents of and be appointed from each of the four judicial  
7 districts in the state;

8 (2) the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one member of  
9 the house of representatives who is a member of the majority caucus and one member of the  
10 house of representatives who is a member of the minority caucus, in consultation with the  
11 leadership of that caucus;

12 (3) the president of the senate shall appoint one member of the senate who is a  
13 member of the majority caucus and one member of the senate who is a member of the  
14 minority caucus, in consultation with the leadership of that caucus; and

15 (4) the governor or the governor's designee.

16 (b) The governor shall designate the chair and vice-chair of the commission.

17 (c) If a member of the commission resigns or is otherwise unable to perform the  
18 duties of a member of the commission, the officer responsible for appointing that member  
19 shall appoint a replacement member as soon as possible.

20 (d) Members of the commission are entitled to the expenses, travel, and per diem  
21 allowances provided by law for members of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

22 (e) A majority of the members of the commission composes a quorum. The  
23 commission may approve measures, make recommendations, and take other action based on a  
24 vote of a majority of the quorum that is present.

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

27 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ALASKA STATEHOOD CELEBRATION  
28 COMMISSION. (a) The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission shall plan and  
29 administer all official state activities leading up to and relating to the 50th anniversary of  
30 Alaska Statehood and, to that end, shall

31 (1) organize and adopt rules for the conduct of its business;

1                   (2) prepare a timetable and budget for completion of its responsibilities under  
2 this Act; and

3                   (3) advise the governor and, annually, at the beginning of each regular session,  
4 the legislature on all activities relating to the 50th anniversary of Alaska Statehood.

5           (b) The commission may

6                   (1) appoint subcommittees, which may include persons who are not members  
7 of the commission; individuals not members of the commission who serve on subcommittees  
8 may, subject to appropriation, be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance  
9 of their services to the commission under this Act;

10                  (2) engage in joint projects with any municipality, civic organization, or other  
11 entity to accomplish the purpose of this Act;

12                  (3) subject to appropriations made for the purpose, employ persons and incur  
13 expenses as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act; and

14                  (4) accept gifts and grants from the federal government and from public and  
15 nonpublic sources and, subject to appropriation by the legislature, expend those gifts and  
16 grants to carry out the purposes of this Act.

17           (c) The commission shall initiate a public process to solicit ideas concerning

18                   (1) appropriate ways in which to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Alaska  
19 Statehood; and

20                   (2) one or more projects that the commission may encourage, sponsor, or  
21 support that would serve as a permanent legacy or reminder to commemorate the occasion.

22           (d) In carrying out its responsibilities under this Act, the commission shall encourage  
23 and involve participation by all Alaskans in the 50th anniversary of Statehood celebration and  
24 commemoration.

25           (e) The Office of the Governor shall provide the commission with all reasonable and  
26 necessary staff support, but the governor may delegate or assign this obligation to another  
27 agency.

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

30           UNAUTHORIZED REPRESENTATION OF ASSOCIATION WITH ALASKA  
31 STATEHOOD CELEBRATION COMMISSION. A person may not use, display, or publish

1 any name, title, or device that tends to indicate that the person is affiliated with or is supported  
2 or sponsored by the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission without the written  
3 authorization of the commission.

4 \* **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 - 4 of this Act are repealed January 31, 2010.

5 \* **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2005.