

SENATE BILL NO. 260

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

BY SENATOR BEN STEVENS

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Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Transportation

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 who is elected from a district, of which
 9 more than 50 percent is located within the metropolitan area and who is designated by
 10 the president of the senate; a person who is designated to serve as a member of a
 11 metropolitan planning organization under this paragraph may not receive
 12 compensation for service on the metropolitan planning organization; and

13 (2) one member of the house of representatives who is elected from a
 14 district, of which more than 50 percent is located within the metropolitan area and who
 15 is designated by the speaker of the house of representatives; a person who is
 16 designated to serve as a member of a metropolitan planning organization under this
 17 paragraph may not receive compensation for service on the metropolitan planning
 18 organization.

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

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

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

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

1 * **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect October 1, 2004.