

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLM

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska Commission on Aging; and providing**
2 **for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 47.45.200 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 47.45.200. Alaska Commission on Aging.** (a) The Alaska Commission
6 on Aging is established in the Department of Health and Social Services. The
7 members of the commission include

8 (1) the commissioner of health and social services or the
9 commissioner's designee;

10 (2) the commissioner of commerce, community, and economic
11 development or the commissioner's designee;

12 (3) [THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION OR THE
13 COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE;

14 (4)] the chair of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board under

1 AS 44.29.500; and

2 (4) eight [(5) SEVEN] persons selected on the basis of their
3 knowledge and demonstrated interest in the concerns of older Alaskans, appointed by
4 the governor in accordance with (b) of this section.

5 (b) After requesting from senior citizens' organizations the names of persons
6 who are qualified for and interested in serving on the commission, the governor shall
7 appoint the members of the commission under (a)(4) [(a)(5)] of this section.
8 Appointments shall be made by the governor to assure representation of low-income
9 persons and minorities, and representation from rural and urban areas of the state, and
10 to secure statewide geographical representation on the commission. At least seven
11 [SIX] of the persons appointed by the governor shall be 60 years of age or older. At
12 least two of these persons shall be 65 years of age or older. Each member appointed
13 by the governor shall be a resident of the state.

14 (c) The persons appointed under (a)(4) [(a)(5)] of this section serve
15 overlapping four-year terms, and serve at the pleasure of the governor. A member
16 may be reappointed, but a member appointed under (a)(4) [(a)(5)] of this section may
17 not serve more than two consecutive terms or eight consecutive years, whichever is
18 longer.

19 (d) If a person appointed under (a)(4) [(a)(5)] of this section fails to attend
20 three consecutive meetings of the commission, a majority of the members of the
21 commission may request the governor to terminate the membership of the member and
22 to fill the vacancy.

23 (e) A vacancy in the membership of persons appointed under (a)(4) [(a)(5)] of
24 this section shall be filled by appointment by the governor. The person appointed
25 serves for the unexpired portion of the term.

26 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.45.210(b) is amended to read:

27 (b) The member [MEMBERS] of the commission listed in
28 AS 47.45.200(a)(2) [AND (3)] may not vote on matters before the commission. A
29 majority of the members of the commission listed in AS 47.45.200(a)(1), (3), and (4)
30 [AS 47.45.200(a)(1), (4), AND (5)] constitutes a quorum for conducting business and
31 exercising the powers of the commission.

1 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).