

**HOUSE BILL NO. 47**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/18/21

Referred: House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as  
2 the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the Council for Alaska Native  
3 Languages."

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 44.33.520(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The Council for Alaska Native Languages [ALASKA NATIVE  
7 LANGUAGE PRESERVATION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL] is established in the  
8 department for the purpose of recommending the establishment or reorganization of  
9 programs to support the preservation, restoration, and revitalization of Alaska Native  
10 languages.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 44.33.520(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) The governor shall appoint to the council established in this section seven  
13 [FIVE] voting members who are professional language experts and who represent  
14 diverse regions of the state. In addition, one member of the senate appointed by the

1 president of the senate and one member of the house of representatives appointed by  
2 the speaker of the house of representatives shall serve on the council as nonvoting  
3 members. In appointing the nonvoting members of the council, the president of the  
4 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member of the  
5 bush caucus, if a bush caucus exists. In this subsection, "bush caucus" means a group  
6 of legislators that represents rural areas of the state.

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

9 TRANSITION. As soon as practicable after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act, the  
10 governor shall appoint to the Council for Alaska Native Languages the two additional voting  
11 members created by sec. 2 of this Act.