

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 113

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a Resource Development
7 Board; specifying purposes, powers and
8 duties of the Board; repealing Section
9 10-3-1, AGLA 1949 as amended, and Sections
10 10-3-2 and 10-3-3, AGLA 1949; and setting
11 an effective date."

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

13 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the
14 "Alaska Resource Development Act of 1955".

15 Sec. 2. PURPOSE. The purpose and intent of this Act is to
16 promote the basic economic development of Alaska by:

17 (a) fostering and coordinating programs for the use
18 and management of Alaska's natural and other resources, for the
19 promotion of general economic development, and for the provision
20 of transportation facilities and other public works and facili-
21 ties essential to such development;

22 (b) undertaking basic economic and industrial re-
23 search and planning;

24 (c) disseminating facts and information concerning
25 Alaska, its resources, and development opportunities; and

26 (d) facilitating cooperation among Territorial depart-
27 ments and agencies and with other public and private groups,
28 organizations and individuals in achieving such development.

29 Sec. 3. CREATION OF THE ALASKA RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

1 There is hereby created the Alaska Resource Development Board
2 to carry out the purposes and policies of this Act.

3 Sec. 4. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD. The
4 Board shall be composed ex officio of the Governor of Alaska,
5 who shall be chairman of the Board, the Director of the Depart-
6 ment of Fisheries, the Commissioner of Mines, the Land Commiss-
7 ioner, the Highway Engineer, the Director of Aeronautics, the
8 Commissioner of Agriculture, and the President of the University
9 of Alaska, who shall be a member without voting power.

10 Sec. 5. COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. The members
11 of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be reim-
12 bursed from the funds of the Board for travel, subsistence, and
13 other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of
14 the functions of the Board.

15 Sec. 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The Board shall appoint an
16 Executive Director to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The
17 Executive Director may employ such professional, clerical and
18 other personnel as may be authorized by the Board to assist him
19 in the performance of his duties. Salaries of the Executive
20 Director and other personnel employed shall be as fixed by the
21 Board or as otherwise may be established by law.

22 Sec. 7. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The
23 Executive Director shall be chosen on the basis of demonstrated
24 administrative ability; professional training and experience,
25 preferably in the fields of economics or natural resources;
26 knowledge of Alaska's natural resources and the problems inci-
27 dent to their management and development; and understanding of
28 the scope and purposes of the programs of the departments and
29 agencies represented on the Board.

1 Sec. 8. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The Executive
2 Director, with the advice and approval of the Board, shall be
3 responsible for the execution of the program and purposes of the
4 Board. He shall direct, supervise and manage the work of the
5 Board, keep a complete record of every financial transaction,
6 remit to the Territorial Treasurer all monies received on behalf
7 of the Board, and certify vouchers for disbursements necessary
8 to carry out the provisions of this Act.

9 Sec. 9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The Board shall
10 have the following general powers and duties:

11 (a) To formulate a continuing program for basic
12 economic development, and for necessary promotion and research,
13 which will advance the purposes of this Act, and to issue annual
14 public reports on the status of the program;

15 (b) To review biennial reports which the departments
16 and agencies represented on the Board, except the University of
17 Alaska, may be otherwise required by law to prepare for submis-
18 sion to the Legislature and the Governor, and to prepare in-
19 dependently a consolidated and integrated report, appropriately
20 indexed and organized, related to the long-range program adopted
21 by the Board, which report shall be submitted to the Governor
22 and to the Legislature as may be required by law.

23 (c) To advise and assist in the preparation of in-
24 tegrated biennial appropriation estimates of the departments
25 represented on the Board, except the University of Alaska, to
26 achieve a balanced program for the development of the Territory
27 as a whole;

28 (d) To facilitate inter-agency cooperation, coordina-
29 tion, and efficiency, in the execution of development programs

1 and in the conduct of economic research, statistical services,
2 and the dissemination of information;

3 (e) To serve as a focal point for the Territorial
4 Government in participating and cooperating with political sub-
5 divisions and other public and private groups or individuals on
6 matters and undertakings related to the broad purposes of this
7 Act;

8 (f) To make inquiries, investigations, and surveys
9 concerning the resources of the Territory and their development
10 possibilities, and to assemble, analyze, evaluate, and dis-
11 seminate the data and findings obtained;

12 (g) To serve as a clearing house and service agency
13 for the Territorial Government in the gathering, compiling,
14 analyzing, and disseminating of economic and statistical data,
15 and to foster the development of standard definitions, classi-
16 fications and procedures for statistical information where ap-
17 propriate and desirable;

18 (h) To call upon the University of Alaska and other
19 appropriate institutions of higher learning or private institu-
20 tions^{or} for cooperation in research and investigations conducted
21 by the Board, and to provide reasonable compensation for such
22 work;

23 (i) To enter into such contracts, undertakings,
24 memoranda, and cooperative agreements, as may facilitate the ad-
25 ministration of the Board and promote the policy and purposes of
26 this Act;

27 (j) To apply for and accept from the Federal govern-
28 ment, its agencies, or other public or private sources, gifts,
29 grants, or other aids made available for the purposes of this

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1 Act, which gifts, grants, or other aids received may be used
2 subject to any reasonable limitations imposed by the grantors;

3 (k) To make continuing study of Federal and Terri-
4 torial laws and activities which relate to Territorial economic
5 development, and to recommend suitable legislation or other
6 action to the Territorial Legislature, the Congress of the United
7 States, or the responsible Territorial or Federal executive de-
8 partments or agencies to accomplish the purposes of this Act;

9 (l) To assist local governmental units in planning
10 and development programs;

11 (m) To enter into authorized inter-state compacts;

12 (n) To hold meetings at least quarterly and otherwise
13 as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, at
14 such times and places as the Chairman may designate;

15 (o) To make rules and regulations to carry out the
16 purposes of this Act;

17 (p) To keep records of all proceedings, contracts,
18 documents, rules, regulations, orders, and official acts of the
19 Board;

20 (q) To do all other acts and things necessary or
21 proper to carry out the purposes of this Act.

22 Sec. 10. REPEAL AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTY. Section 10-3-1,
23 Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated 1949, as amended by Chapter 5,
24 Session Laws of Alaska 1951, and Sections 10-3-2 and 10-3-3,
25 Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated 1949, are hereby repealed. All
26 records, equipment, and other property of the Alaska Development
27 Board, as existed under the provisions of law repealed herein,
28 are hereby transferred to the Resource Development Board.

29 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall be in effect on

1 and after April 1, 1955.

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