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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR STEPOVICH

SENATE BILL NO. 70

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for a Statute Revision Commission and a Reviser of Statutes; designating the Alaska Legislative Council the Alaska Statute Revision Commission; providing the Commission with competent and adequate assistance and facilities; prescribing and defining the powers, duties and functions of such Statute Revision Commission and Reviser of Statutes and the effect of the performance thereof; and authorizing an appropriation for the revision and printing of statutes; and declaring an emergency."

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

Section 1. PURPOSE. Recognizing that there is a pressing need in Alaska for a body of law which is clear, simplified, coordinated and generally more accessible, understandable and usable, it is deemed necessary in the public interest to provide for the revision of the statutes of Alaska and the submission of such revised statutes to a subsequent session of the Territorial Legislature for enactment into law.

Section 2. ALASKA STATUTE REVISION COMMISSION. The Alaska Legislative Council, as established in Chapter 69, Session Laws of Alaska, 1953, is hereby designated the Alaska Statute Revision

1 Commission for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this  
2 Act.

3 Section 3. OFFICE SPACE AND OTHER FACILITIES. It shall be  
4 the duty of the Board of Administration of the Territory of Alaska,  
5 with the advice of the Alaska Statute Revision Commission, to  
6 supply suitable office space for said Commission in Juneau.

7 It shall be the duty of the Territorial Auditor to furnish to  
8 the Commission such copies of statutory compilations and session  
9 laws and such copies of all bills introduced in both the Terri-  
10 torial Senate and the House of Representatives as the Commission  
11 may require.

12 Section 4. STATUTE REVISER AND STAFF. The Alaska Statute  
13 Revision Commission shall employ a Statute Reviser and such assist-  
14 ants and other help as the Commission may deem necessary and shall  
15 fix their salaries and terms of employment.

16 Section 5. DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the Statute  
17 Revision Commission to clarify, simplify, classify, arrange, co-  
18 ordinate, codify and revise the laws of this Territory now in  
19 force, including those enacted by the Twenty-Second Session of the  
20 Legislature, and prepare and have set in type for publication as  
21 much thereof as is practicable and make a printed report of their  
22 progress to the Twenty-Third Session of the said Legislature. In  
23 preparing editions of the statutes for publication and distribu-  
24 tion, the Statute Revision Commission shall not alter the sense,  
25 meaning or effect of any act, but, within such limitations, may  
26 correct the grammar, punctuation, spelling and form thereof, employ  
27 standard nomenclatures, renumber sections and parts of sections of  
28 the acts, rearrange sections, subsections and paragraphs, change  
29 reference numbers to agree with renumbered chapters, sections or

1 other parts, substitute the proper subsection, section or chapter  
2 or other division numbers, strike out figures which are merely a  
3 repetition of written words, change capitalization for the purpose  
4 of uniformity, and correct manifest clerical or typographical  
5 errors, and generally revise, coordinate, correlate, clarify and  
6 simplify the statutory law of this Territory.

7 Section 6. PRINTING AND BINDING. In any contract for the  
8 printing and binding of any editions of the statutes or any such  
9 reports, provision shall be made for the preservation of the forms  
10 from which such editions or reports have been printed so that the  
11 same may be available for the reprint thereof, which printing and  
12 all work in connection therewith, including binding, shall be done  
13 if possible within the Territory of Alaska; Provided, the price  
14 and quality of such work shall be comparable to that available  
15 elsewhere on the Pacific coast.

16 Section 7. ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF LEGISLATIVE ADVISER. The  
17 Statute Reviser at all times shall advise and assist the Members  
18 of the Legislature and the various departments and agencies of the  
19 Territory in the preparation and revision of all legislation and  
20 in all matters connected therewith; and shall report to the Legis-  
21 lature in respect to all bills introduced, calling attention to  
22 their effect on existing legislation and to any deficiencies in  
23 their substance or form or both, and shall, upon request, supply  
24 pertinent information relative thereto. The Reviser and his  
25 assistants shall supply the services required by this section both  
26 during the session of the Legislature and during the interim  
27 periods between such sessions.

28 Section 8. Funds for carrying out the provisions of this Act  
29 shall be set forth in the general appropriation bill. The

0 expenditures of the Commission shall be subject to audit on the  
1 same basis as the expenditures of the several executive departments.

2 Section 9. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this  
3 Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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