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HOUSE BILL NO. 146

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act to establish within the Department
7 of Natural Resources a Division of Parks
8 and Recreation and Parks and Recreation
9 Advisory Board; and providing for an effec-
10 tive date."

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

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Section 1. CREATION OF BOARD. There is hereby created a
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Said board shall consist of
seven members chosen by the Commissioner of Natural Resources from
different areas of Alaska. Each member of the board is to be
chosen on the basis of his known interest and abilities in devel-
oping the recreational and historical potentials of the state.
All members shall, upon the effective date of this Act, be
appointed for a term of six years. Each board member shall be a
qualified elector of the state. Members of the board shall re-
ceive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed
such necessary first class travel allowance and per diem expenses
allowable while in the performance of the duties set forth in
this Act. Meetings of the board shall be held at least once a
year upon the call of the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

Sec. 2. DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The Parks and Recreation Ad-
visory Board as created by Sec. 1 of this Act is charged with
the following duties:

- (1) To advise the director of parks and recreation on

1 matters relating to the conservation of the scenic, historic,
2 archaeologic, scientific, biological and recreational resources
3 of the state and to work for the preservation of said resources;
4 to recommend to the director on such matters as the following:

5 (2) To acquire by gift, purchase, or transfer from
6 state or federal agencies, or from individuals, corporations, part-
7 nerships or associations, such land as may, in the judgment of
8 the board, be necessary, suitable and proper for roadside, picnic,
9 recreational or park purposes;

10 (3) To control, develop and maintain all state parks
11 and recreational areas;

12 (4) To recommend rules and regulations to carry out the
13 purposes of this Act;

14 (5) To recommend that expenditures be made for the
15 acquisition, care, control, supervision, improvement, development,
16 extension and maintenance of public recreational lands, and to
17 make all necessary arrangements, contracts or commitments for
18 the improvement and development of lands acquired under the pro-
19 visions of this Act;

20 (6) To recommend rules and regulations governing the
21 use of state park and recreational areas to protect said property
22 and to preserve the peace therein;

23 (7) To cooperate with the United States and its agencies
24 and all local subdivisions of the state to secure the effective
25 supervision, improvement, development, extension, and maintenance
26 of state parks, state monuments, state historical areas, and state
27 recreational areas, and to secure agreements or contracts for
28 the purpose of this Act;

29 (8) To encourage the organization of state public park

1 and recreational activities in the local subdivisions of the
2 state; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall
3 give the board power of direct supervision over public parks,
4 maintained by said local subdivisions.

5 Sec. 3. CREATION OF INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE. The governor
6 shall direct the head of each department or agency of state
7 government concerned in any way with state parks and recreation,
8 to serve on or appoint a representative to, a state inter-agency
9 committee on parks and recreation. This committee shall serve as
10 an advisory committee to the state parks and recreation board.

11 Sec. 4. CREATION OF STATE PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION.
12 There is hereby created in the Department of Natural Resources a
13 division to be known as the State Parks and Recreation Division.

14 Sec. 5. DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION. The
15 director of the division of parks and recreation shall be
16 appointed by the commissioner of the department of natural re-
17 sources with the approval of the governor. Said director shall be
18 selected on the basis of known executive ability and experience
19 and training in the field of park and recreation administration.
20 In addition to his salary, the director shall receive necessary
21 traveling expenses while engaged in carrying out the duties of
22 his office.

23 Sec. 6. DUTIES OF DIRECTOR. The director of the division
24 of parks and recreation shall have the following specific duties:

25 (1) To appoint and assign the duties of such assis-
26 tants as may be needed to carry out the provisions of this Act,
27 subject to any applicable rules and regulations of a state merit
28 system.

29 (2) To assist in establishing standards for park and

1 recreation personnel serving the local subdivisions of the state;

2 (3) To provide for consulting service designed to
3 develop local park and recreation facilities and programs;

4 (4) To provide clearing-house services for other state
5 agencies concerned with park and recreation matters.

6 (5) To perform such other duties as may be prescribed
7 by law, executive order or by the rules and regulations.

8 Sec. 7. DISPOSAL OF FUNDS. All monies received by the parks
9 and recreation division from concessions, rentals, donations or
10 from other operations of the state parks and recreation areas shall
11 be deposited in the state treasury.

12 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect im-
13 mediately upon its passage and approval or upon its becoming
14 law without such approval.

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