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2 SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 146

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to establish within the Department
7 of Natural Resources a Division of Parks and
8 Recreation and Parks and Recreation Advisory
9 Board."

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

11 Section 1. 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. 2. DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION. The

15 director of the division of parks and recreation shall be ap-
16 pointed by the commissioner of the department of natural resources
17 with the approval of the governor. Said director shall be selected
18 on the basis of known executive ability and experience and train-
19 ing in the field of park and recreation administration. In
20 addition to his salary, the director shall receive necessary
21 traveling expenses while engaged in carrying out the duties of his
22 office.

23 Sec. 3. DUTIES OF DIRECTOR. The director of the division of
24 parks and recreation shall have the following specific duties:

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

28 (2) To establish standards for park and recreation
29 personnel serving the local subdivisions of the state;

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

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

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

7 Sec. 4. CREATION OF INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE. The governor
8 shall direct the head of each department or agency of state govern-
9 ment concerned in any way with state parks and recreation, to
10 serve on or appoint a representative to, a state inter-agency com-
11 mittee on parks and recreation. This committee shall serve as an
12 advisory committee to the state parks and recreation board.

13 Sec. 5. CREATION OF BOARD. There is hereby created a Parks
14 and Recreation Advisory Board. Said board shall consist of seven
15 members chosen by the Commissioner of Natural Resources from dif-
16 ferent areas of Alaska. Each member of the board is to be chosen
17 on the basis of his known interest and abilities in developing the
18 recreational and historical potentials of the state. All members
19 shall, upon the effective date of this Act, be appointed for a
20 term of six years. Each board member shall be a qualified elector
21 of the state. Members of the board shall receive no compensation
22 for their services but shall be allowed such necessary first class
23 travel allowance and per diem expenses allowable while in the per-
24 formance of the duties set forth in this Act. Meetings of the
25 board shall be held at least once a year upon the call of the Com-
26 missioner of Natural Resources.

27 Sec. 6. DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The Parks and Recreation Ad-
28 visory Board as created by Sec. 5 of this Act is charged with the
29 following duties:

1 (1) To advise the director of parks and recreation on
2 matters relating to the conservation of the scenic, historic,
3 archaeologic, scientific, biological and recreational resources of
4 the state and to work for the preservation of said resources;

5 (2) To recommend to the director on such matters as the
6 following:

7 (a) Acquiring by gift, purchase, or transfer from
8 state or federal agencies, or from individuals, corporations,
9 partnerships or associations, such land as may, in the judg-
10 ment of the board, be necessary, suitable and proper for
11 roadside, picnic, recreational or park purposes;

12 (b) Controlling, developing and maintaining all
13 state parks and recreational areas;

14 (c) Recommending rules and regulations to carry
15 out the purposes of this Act;

16 (d) Recommending that expenditures be made for the
17 acquisition, care, control, supervision, improvement, develop-
18 ment, extension and maintenance of public recreational lands;

19 (e) Recommending rules and regulations governing
20 the use of state park and recreational areas to protect said
21 property and to preserve the peace therein;

22 (f) Cooperating with the United States and its
23 agencies and all local subdivisions of the state to secure
24 the effective supervision, improvement, development, exten-
25 sion, and maintenance of state parks, state monuments, state
26 historical areas, and state recreational areas, and to secure
27 agreements or contracts for the purpose of this Act;

28 (g) Encouraging the organization of state public
29 park and recreational activities in the local subdivisions

1 of the state; provided, however, that nothing in this sub-
2 section shall give the board power of direct supervision over
3 public parks, maintained by said local subdivisions.

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