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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 231

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to recognize, reward and encourage
7 native artists by the selection of choice
8 examples of Alaskan native arts and crafts
9 and for their display at the Century 21
10 Exposition and at other places; and providing
11 for an effective date."

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

13 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDING AND INTENT. The legislature
14 finds that Alaska has a diminishing reservoir of native artists and
15 artisans whose skills should be recognized and rewarded so that
16 their abilities will be appreciated and Alaska's treasury of native
17 arts and crafts will not be depleted and lost because of economic
18 and social changes in the state. In order to spark statewide
19 interest in native arts and crafts and with the hope of continuing
20 this interest, the legislature proposes that competitions be held
21 each summer to select the finest examples of our native art and
22 that the pieces selected in the summer of 1961 be placed on display
23 at the Alaska exhibit at the Century 21 Exposition.

24 Sec. 2. DIRECTOR OF TOURISM TO DIRECT PROGRAM. a. The
25 director of tourism shall direct a continuing program of competi-
26 tions to be held each summer to select outstanding examples of
27 Alaskan native arts and crafts. He shall initiate the first com-
28 petition to be held in the summer of 1961 to select items which
29 shall be displayed subsequently at the Alaska exhibit at the

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1 Century 21 Exposition.

2 b. The director, after consulting with a committee from the
3 Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood appointed by their coun-
4 cils from among the memberships of those organizations, shall
5 promulgate rules and regulations for the competitions providing
6 for, but not limited to, the following:

7 (1) eligibility requirements for entrants;

8 (2) categories for entry, such as basketwork, wood
9 carving, pottery, stone work, ivory work, painting, and so forth;

10 (3) criterion for selecting category winners and grand
11 prize winners;

12 (4) transportation and display of entries;

13 (5) prizes and awards for winning entrants which are
14 restricted to ribbons, cups, plaques, and so forth;

15 (6) preparation of entry forms which shall

16 (a) give the name and mailing address of the
17 entrant,

18 (b) show that each entry is the work of the entrant,

19 (c) give the minimum price that the entrant will
20 accept for his entry,

21 (d) provide the entrant with a choice of having
22 his entry sold, retained for display by the state, or returned
23 to the entrant,

24 (e) identify and describe the entry;

25 (7) restricting the entrant from entering competitions
26 in more than one region.

27 Sec. 3. REGIONAL COMPETITIONS. There shall be four regional
28 competitions to be held each summer beginning in 1961 in the
29 Southeastern, Southcentral, Central and Northwestern Senatorial

1 districts. First place and honorable mention awards shall be
2 made in each category and one grand prize award and one honorable
3 mention award shall be made for each region.

4 Sec. 4. LOCATION OF COMPETITIONS. The director of tourism
5 shall solicit invitations from the larger communities within each
6 of the regions for holding the regional competition. The community
7 within each region which offers the best facilities and the great-
8 est measure of cooperation for conducting the competition shall be
9 selected as the location of the regional competition.

10 Sec. 5. JUDGES. Judges at the regional competitions shall be
11 selected by the director of tourism and composed of a panel of
12 five, two of whom shall be selected from nominees of the Alaska
13 Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood and three of whom shall be
14 selected by the director on the basis of their knowledge and appre-
15 ciation of Alaskan native arts and crafts and of art in general.

16 Sec. 6. SALES OF ENTRIES. Entries not selected for display
17 purposes may be sold when authorized by the entrant for no less
18 than the price set by the entrant on the entry form and shall be
19 transferred to the purchaser by competition officials upon receipt
20 of a money order or cashier's check made out to the entrant who
21 submitted the entry purchased.

22 Sec. 7. COPYRIGHTS. The director of tourism shall secure
23 copyrights on all entries selected for display at the Alaska ex-
24 hibit at the Century 21 Exposition for the entrants.

25 Sec. 8. OTHER DISPLAYS. The director of tourism may display
26 or authorize the display of entries at places other than the
27 regional competitions and the Century 21 Exposition.

28 Sec. 9. GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE. The director of tourism may
29 accept grants of money and other assistance from private persons

1 or groups, from political subdivisions of this state, or from
2 others in order to conduct and promote annual competitions and
3 displays.

4 Sec. 10. TEMPORARY CUSTODY. In order that the competitions
5 may be held without undue disruption and in order that winning
6 items may be displayed at the Alaska exhibit at the Century 21
7 Exposition or at other places, all entries submitted for judging
8 shall be held in temporary custody by the state until such time
9 as they are no longer needed for display, at which time they shall
10 be disposed of in accordance with the wishes of the entrant as
11 set forth on the entry form.

12 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day
13 after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law with-
14 out such approval.

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