

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 445

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to rural development and
7 depressed area work projects; and providing
8 for an effective date."

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

10 Section 1. Sec. 7, Ch. 64, SLA 1959 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 7. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR. The Office of the
12 Governor shall include the Secretary of State, the Budget
13 Officer, and such staff as the Governor finds necessary to
14 administer properly the executive powers of the State. The
15 Secretary of State is hereby vested with the duties, powers,
16 and responsibilities involved in administering state election
17 laws, appointing all notaries public, and serving as custod-
18 ian of the State Seal. The functions and authority heretofore
19 performed and exercised by the Canvassing Board are hereby
20 transferred to the Office of the Secretary of State.

21 There is hereby created an agency within the Governor's
22 Office to be known as the Local Affairs Agency to be admin-
23 istered by a Director of Local Affairs. The Director will be
24 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. This
25 agency is hereby vested with the duties, powers, and respon-
26 sibilities involved in the administration of a state program
27 to provide assistance to local communities, including but not
28 limited to assistance in fiscal problems, incorporation and
29 organization problems, legal matters, engineering, purchas-

1 ing, planning, and the recruitment of technical and special-
2 ized personnel. The agency shall provide staff services for
3 the Local Boundary Commission. [THE FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY
4 HERETOFORE PERFORMED AND EXERCISED BY THE ALASKA RURAL DEVELOP-
5 OPMENT BOARD ARE HEREBY TRANSFERRED TO THE LOCAL AFFAIRS
6 AGENCY.]

7 There is hereby further created within the Local Affairs
8 Agency a Local Boundary Commission consisting of five members
9 for overlapping five-year terms, one to be appointed from each
10 of the four major Senatorial election districts and one from
11 the State at large who will serve as chairman. The Local
12 Boundary Commission is hereby vested with the duties, powers,
13 and responsibilities involved in making studies of local gov-
14 ernment boundary problems, developing proposed standards and
15 procedures for changing local boundary lines, holding hear-
16 ings on proposed boundary changes, and in presenting its re-
17 commendations to the Legislature.

18 The Office of the Governor is hereby vested with duties,
19 powers, and responsibilities involved in administration of the
20 Alaska Pioneers' Home. The functions and authority heretofore
21 performed and exercised by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska
22 Pioneers' Home, and the Superintendent of the Alaska Pioneers'
23 Home are hereby transferred to the Office of the Governor.
24 Sec. 2. Sec. 19, Ch. 64, SLA 1959 as amended by Ch. 20, SLA
25 1961 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. There shall be a
27 principal executive officer of the Department of Public Works
28 to be known as the Commissioner of Public Works.

29 The Department of Public Works is hereby vested with the

1 duties, powers and responsibilities involved in the construc-
2 tion, maintenance, and operation of all state highways,
3 ferries, roads, bridges, traffic signs and signals, airports,
4 docks, floats, breakwaters, buildings and other like facili-
5 ties; and in the supervision and maintenance of all state
6 equipment, including aircraft, vessels, and automotive and
7 mechanical equipment. The Department of Public Works is
8 further vested with the duties, powers and responsibilities
9 involved in programs of public works in economically dis-
10 tressed communities and other depressed areas. The functions
11 and authority heretofore performed and exercised by the
12 Alaska Highway and Public Works Department, the Alaska Highway
13 and Public Works Board and the Alaska Highway and Public Works
14 Commissioner; by the Department of Aviation, and Aeronautics
15 and Communications Commission, the Director of Aeronautics,
16 and the Supervisor of Communications with respect to the con-
17 struction, maintenance, and operation of airports and the
18 installation, maintenance, and operation of communications
19 equipment; by the Department of Finance relating to the man-
20 agement, care, and custody of buildings; by the Alaska Rural
21 Development Board; by the Governor of Alaska under Ch. 25,
22 SLA 1959; and by the Board of Education relating to the con-
23 struction and maintenance of school buildings are hereby
24 transferred to the Department of Public Works.

25 Whenever it is not feasible for the design and engineer-
26 ing services or surveys to be performed by the staff of the
27 department, the Commissioner of Public Works may enter into
28 contracts with private engineering firms for design and en-
29 gineering services or surveys on a negotiated basis after

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reasonable public notice has been given. All prices submitted or negotiated by any individual or firm on any contract shall be available for public inspection upon request.

Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1962.