

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 230

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act creating an Aboriginal Claims Com-

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mission; prescribing its functions and

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duties; and providing for an effective date.

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

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* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding a new article to

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ARTICLE 7. ABORIGINAL CLAIMS COMMISSION.

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Sec. 44.19.500. CREATION. There is created in the

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office of the governor a State Aboriginal Claims Commission.

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Sec. 44.19.510. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. The com-

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mission consists of 16 commissioners appointed by the governor.

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Each commissioner shall be a resident of the state and be of

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at least one-half Alaskan aboriginal heritage. The governor

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shall, without reference to political affiliation, make the

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broadest possible geographical distribution of commission

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memberships in making his appointments.

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Sec. 44.19.520. CHAIRMAN. The commission shall elect

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one of its members as chairman.

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Sec. 44.19.530. SECRETARY. The secretary of state

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serves as secretary and advisor to the commission.

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Sec. 44.19.540. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet

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at least once a year and may hold special meetings.

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Sec. 44.19.550. COMPENSATION. Members of the commis-

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sion are entitled to per diem and travel allowances

1 authorized for state boards and commissions.

2 Sec. 44.19.560. PURPOSE OF COMMISSION. It is the
3 purpose of the commission to meet and explore, examine, and
4 report on the legitimate claims of the aboriginal citizens
5 of the state regarding land and other subjects for which
6 compensation may be claimed from the state or the federal
7 government. It is the intent of the legislature that the
8 commission will serve the interests of all citizens of Alaska
9 and particularly the Native population in making known to
10 the governor, the legislature, and the federal government
11 those claims which are valid and for which monetary and other
12 compensation can and should be made.

13 Sec. 44.19.570. CLAIMS AND COMPLAINTS. The commis-
14 sion is authorized to solicit and receive information,
15 testimony, and documentation regarding aboriginal claims and
16 to report findings and recommend action regarding claims and
17 complaints in an annual report to the governor and the legis-
18 lature. The secretary of state, at the direction of the
19 commission, shall publish and distribute the annual or any
20 special report of the commission.

21 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1964.

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