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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 250

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a rural development  
7 agency in the office of the governor; and  
8 providing for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 44.19.220, AS 44.19.230 and AS 44.19.240 are  
11 repealed.

12 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

13 ARTICLE 7. RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

14 Sec. 44.19.500. RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ESTABLISHED.

15 There is in the office of the governor a rural development  
16 agency.

17 Sec. 44.19.510. DIRECTOR. The rural development  
18 agency is administered by a director of rural development.  
19 The director is appointed by the governor and serves at the  
20 pleasure of the governor.

21 Sec. 44.19.520. PROGRAM TO ASSIST RURAL COMMUNITIES.  
22 The rural development agency shall administer a state pro-  
23 gram to provide assistance to rural communities, including  
24 assistance in fiscal problems, engineering, purchasing,  
25 planning, aid to depressed areas and the recruitment of  
26 technical and specialized personnel.

27 Sec. 44.19.530. PROMOTION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT. The  
28 rural development agency has the following powers and duties:

29 (1) to initiate surveys and investigations of the

1 social and economic conditions of rural areas to determine  
2 the need for expansion of economic opportunities and the  
3 improvement of living conditions in community life;

4 (2) to coordinate the administration of the emergency  
5 relief, surplus food distribution, or other public assist-  
6 ance programs except the regular relief and assistance  
7 programs of the state and federal government in rural areas;

8 (3) to utilize the appropriated moneys to formulate  
9 and conduct a program of public work for the construction of  
10 basic facilities which will contribute to the improvement of  
11 the standards of living, health, welfare and economic secur-  
12 ity while providing employment, earnings and income in the  
13 rural areas;

14 (4) to formulate a coordinated program to promote a  
15 broadening and diversification of the economic base of rural  
16 areas;

17 (5) to promote programs for the training and education  
18 of the residents of rural areas directed to expanding  
19 opportunities for employment and improvement of living  
20 conditions;

21 (6) to assist economically distressed rural communi-  
22 ties through projects which will generate local income and  
23 employment;

24 (7) to apply for, to contract with and accept from the  
25 federal government or other public or private agencies,  
26 gifts, grants and other assistance subject to reasonable  
27 limitations imposed by the grantor;

28 (8) to acquire real and personal property and to dis-  
29 pose of it by transfer of it to other state agencies, or by

1 sale or gift to other public agencies or non-profit assoc-  
2 iations if it serves the purposes of this section;

3 (9) to administer appropriated funds in accordance with  
4 and to carry out the purposes of this article, and to make  
5 allotment or to transfer money to other state agencies;

6 (10) to employ necessary personnel;

7 (11) to adopt regulations to carry out this section.

8 Sec. 44.19.540. LIMITATIONS. The programs of the rural  
9 development agency are subject to the following limitations:

10 (1) No program for any one community may exceed \$10,000  
11 in cost per year.

12 (2) No first or second class city of over 2,000 popula-  
13 tion is eligible for assistance.

14 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage  
15 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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