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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a Highways Advisory Board;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 19 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 7. HIGHWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

11 Sec. 19.07.010. CREATION. There is created in the
12 Department of Highways the Highways Advisory Board.

13 Sec. 19.07.020. COMPOSITION AND TERM OF OFFICE. The
14 board consists of seven persons who are each appointed for
15 a six year term. One member shall be appointed from the
16 state at large, one from the first judicial district, one
17 from the second judicial district, and two each from the
18 third and fourth judicial districts. The members appointed
19 from the third and fourth judicial districts shall be
20 appointed from different areas within those districts. No
21 more than four of the members may be registered members of
22 the same political party.

23 Sec. 19.07.030. APPOINTMENT. Members of the board are
24 appointed by the governor and confirmed by a majority of the
25 members of the legislature in joint session. Members serve
26 at the pleasure of the governor. A member may act and
27 receive compensation from his appointment until his confir-
28 mation or rejection by the legislature. A member appointed
29 to fill a vacancy serves for the unexpired term of the

1 member he succeeds.

2 Sec. 19.07.040. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Members of
3 the board receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem
4 and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and
5 commissions.

6 Sec. 19.07.050. OFFICERS. At the first meeting of each
7 year, the board shall elect a chairman from among its members.

8 Sec. 19.07.060. MEETINGS AND QUORUM. (a) The commis-
9 sion shall meet at least once a year. Meetings shall be
10 held at the call of the chairman or upon petition of four
11 members.

12 (b) Four members constitute a quorum.

13 Sec. 19.07.070. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER. (a) The
14 governor shall appoint the commissioner of highways from a
15 list of qualified persons nominated by the board, subject to
16 the right of the governor to request additional nominations.
17 The appointment shall be subject to confirmation by a major-
18 ity of the members of the legislature in joint session. The
19 commissioner shall serve for a term of five years. If a
20 vacancy occurs in the office of commissioner, a successor
21 shall be appointed in the manner provided for the regular
22 appointment to fill the unexpired term.

23 (b) The board may submit a resolution to the governor
24 requesting the removal of the commissioner. The resolution
25 shall state the grounds for the request and the governor
26 shall afford the commissioner and the board an opportunity
27 to be heard.

28 Sec. 19.07.080. BOARD TO CONFIRM COMMISSIONER'S PRO-
29 GRAMS. The board shall confirm programming actions of the

1 commissioner of highways. However, the board shall not have
2 administrative, budgeting, or fiscal powers and the commis-
3 sioner shall have these powers.

4 Sec. 19.07.090. REGULATIONS. Regulations shall origi-
5 nate with the commissioner but shall not become effective
6 until approved by a majority of the board. If the board
7 fails to approve the regulations, public hearings shall be
8 held concerning the issues in question. If, subsequent to
9 public hearings the board and the commissioner continue to
10 disagree, the issue shall be certified in writing by the
11 board and the commissioner to the governor who shall make a
12 final decision.

13 Sec. 19.07.100. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO ASSIST BOARD.
14 The Department of Highways shall furnish the clerical and
15 technical assistance and personnel which the board may re-
16 quire.

17 Sec. 19.07.110. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. The board shall
18 submit a written report to the legislature on February 1 of
19 each year.

20 * Sec. 2. Upon initial appointment of the board members, three
21 members serve for six years, two members serve for four years and
22 two members serve for two years. The governor shall appoint the
23 members of the board and call a meeting within 30 days after the
24 effective date of this Act.

25 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1965.
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