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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 118

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the establishment of an
7 Agricultural Development Board."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 03 is amended by adding a new chapter to read

10 CHAPTER 7. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

11 Sec. 03.07.010. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD. There
12 is created in the Department of Natural Resources the Agri-
13 cultural Development Board.

14 Sec. 03.07.020. PURPOSE OF THE BOARD. The purpose of
15 the Agricultural Development Board is

16 (1) to act in an advisory capacity to the gover-
17 nor of Alaska;

18 (2) to provide leadership and improve coordina-
19 tion among interested parties for the sound, efficient and
20 orderly development of the agricultural resources of the
21 state;

22 (3) to facilitate the establishment of agri-
23 cultural farms as economic units of production and the
24 establishment of related industries;

25 (4) to study means and methods of increasing
26 Alaska's agricultural production, both as to quantity and
27 variety, in order to insure a more adequate and dependable
28 food supply for the state;

29 (5) to coordinate with federal and state agencies

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1 in the development of action plans for the promotion of
2 Alaskan agriculture.

3 Sec. 03.07.030. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD.

4 (a) The following members of the board shall be appointed
5 by the governor:

6 (1) four farmers, each representing a different
7 type of agricultural production and geographical location;

8 (2) an official of the state division of agricul-
9 ture; and

10 (3) a representative of the Alaska retail mer-
11 chants.

12 (b) The president of the University of Alaska shall
13 appoint one member who represents the university.

14 Sec. 03.07.040. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office
15 for a member of the board is two years. A member appointed
16 to fill a vacancy serves for the unexpired term of the
17 member he succeeds.

18 Sec. 03.07.050. DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The board shall
19 report twice a year to the governor of Alaska and the Uni-
20 versity of Alaska. Such reports shall be made available to
21 interested federal and state agencies upon request.

22 Sec. 03.07.060. OFFICERS. At the first meeting of
23 each year, the board shall elect a chairman from among its
24 members.

25 Sec. 03.07.070. QUORUM. Four members of the board con-
26 stitute a quorum.

27 Sec. 03.07.080. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Members of
28 the board receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem
29 and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and

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commissions.

Sec. 03.07.090. MEETINGS. The board shall meet at least twice a year. The meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman or upon petition of four members.

Sec. 03.07.100. LOCAL COMMITTEES. (a) The board shall establish local committees in the agricultural areas of the state. These committees shall consist of not less than five members, the majority being farmers, who are appointed by the board and who serve without pay. Board members are ex officio members of the local committees.

(b) Local committees, with the assistance of the board, shall undertake projects and programs to develop the agricultural potential of their respective areas.

Sec. 03.07.110. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST BOARD AND COMMITTEES. The Department of Natural Resources shall furnish the clerical assistance which the board or the local committees may require.

* Sec. 2. Upon initial appointment, three members serve for one year and four members serve for two years.

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