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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 213

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 organization and  
7 composition of the Alaska Workmen's  
8 Compensation Board; and providing for an  
9 effective date."

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

11 \* Section 1. AS 23.30.005. is repealed and re-enacted to read:

12 Sec. 23.30.005. ALASKA WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD.

13 (a) The Alaska Workmen's Compensation Board shall consist  
14 of five members, including a southern panel of three mem-  
15 bers sitting for the first judicial district and a northern  
16 panel of three members sitting for the second, third, and  
17 fourth judicial districts. Each panel shall include the  
18 commissioner of labor or his designated representative, a  
19 representative of industry and a representative of labor.  
20 The latter two members of each panel shall be appointed by  
21 the governor.

22 (b) The commissioner shall act as chairman and executive  
23 officer of the board and chairman of both panels. If he  
24 designates a representative to act for him, his represent-  
25 ative shall serve in that capacity on the board and on both  
26 panels.

27 (c) The governor shall appoint the management member  
28 of the southern panel for a term of four years, and the  
29 labor member for a term of three years. He shall appoint

1 the management member of the northern panel for a term of  
2 three years, and the labor member for a term of four years.

3 (d) Initial terms of office shall begin on July 1,  
4 1965.

5 (e) A member of one panel may serve on the other panel  
6 when the commissioner deems it necessary for the prompt  
7 administration of this chapter. Such transfers shall be  
8 allowed only if a labor or management representative  
9 replaces his counterpart on the other panel.

10 (f) Two members of a panel constitute a quorum for  
11 hearing claims, and the action taken by a quorum of a panel  
12 is considered the action of the full board.

13 (g) A claim may be heard by only one panel.

14 (h) The full board may make identical rules for both  
15 panels and may make regulations to carry out the provisions  
16 of this chapter. Process and procedure under this chapter  
17 shall be as summary and simple as possible. The board or a  
18 member of it may for the purposes of this chapter subpoena  
19 witnesses, administer or cause to be administered oaths, and  
20 may examine or cause to have examined the parts of the books  
21 and records of the parties to a proceeding which relate to  
22 questions in dispute. The superior court, on application of  
23 the board or any members of it, shall enforce the attendance  
24 and testimony of witnesses and the production and examination  
25 of books, papers, and records.

26 (i) The board may establish regulations concerning the  
27 medical care provided for in this chapter. In addition to  
28 the reports required of physicians under sec. 095(a) - (d) of  
29 this chapter, the board may direct a physician or hospital

1 rendering medical treatment or service under this chapter  
2 to furnish to the board periodic reports of treatment or  
3 services on forms procured from the board.

4 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1965.  
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