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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 498

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the establishment of  
7 the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and  
8 defining the Council's powers and duties;  
9 and providing for an effective date."

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

11 \* Section 1. (a) It is hereby found that many of our citizens  
12 lack the opportunity to view, enjoy, or participate in living  
13 theatrical performances, musical concerts, operas, dance and  
14 ballet recitals, art exhibits, examples of fine architecture, and  
15 the performing and fine arts generally. It is hereby further  
16 found that, with increasing leisure time, the practice and enjoy-  
17 ment of the arts are of increasing importance and that the general  
18 welfare of the people of the state will be promoted by giving  
19 further recognition to the arts as a vital aspect of our culture  
20 and heritage and as a valued means of expanding the scope of our  
21 education programs.

22 (b) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to  
23 join with private patrons and with institutions and professional  
24 organizations concerned with the arts to insure that the role of  
25 the arts in the life of our communities will continue to grow  
26 and will play an ever more significant part in the welfare and  
27 educational experience of our citizens.

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

29 Sec. 44.19.500. CREATION. There is created in the

1 office of the governor an Alaska State Council on the Arts.

2 Sec. 44.19.510. COMPOSITION. The Alaska State Council  
3 on the Arts shall consist of nine members, broadly repre-  
4 sentative of all fields of the performing, visual, and fine  
5 arts, who are widely known for their competence and experience  
6 or interest in connection with the performing, visual, and  
7 fine arts.

8 Sec. 44.19.520. APPOINTMENT. The members shall be  
9 appointed by the governor from among citizens of Alaska.  
10 In making such appointments, due consideration shall be  
11 given to the recommendations made by representative civic,  
12 educational, and professional associations and groups,  
13 concerned with or engaged in the production or presentation  
14 of the performing, visual, and fine arts generally. In  
15 making such appointments consideration shall be given to  
16 having state-wide geographical representation on the council.

17 Sec. 44.19.530. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office  
18 of each member shall be three years; provided, however, that  
19 of the members first appointed, three shall be appointed for  
20 terms of one year, three for terms of two years, and three  
21 for terms of three years. All vacancies shall be filled for  
22 the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as  
23 original appointments.

24 Sec. 44.19.540. COMPENSATION. The members of the  
25 council shall not receive any compensation for their ser-  
26 vices, but they shall receive the same travel pay and per  
27 diem as state officials and employees.

28 Sec. 44.19.550. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. The  
29 governor shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman

1 from the members of the council to serve as such at the  
2 pleasure of the governor. The chairman shall be the chief  
3 executive officer of the council.

4 Sec. 44.19.560. DUTIES OF COUNCIL. The duties of the  
5 council shall be

6 (1) to stimulate and encourage throughout the  
7 state the study and presentation of the performing, visual,  
8 and fine arts and public interest and participation therein;

9 (2) to make such surveys as may be deemed  
10 advisable of public and private institutions engaged within  
11 the state in artistic and cultural activities, including  
12 but not limited to, music, theatre, dance, painting,  
13 sculpture, architecture, and allied arts and crafts, and  
14 to make recommendations concerning appropriate methods to  
15 encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts to  
16 meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of persons in all  
17 parts of the state;

18 (3) to take such steps as may be necessary and  
19 appropriate to encourage public interest in the cultural  
20 heritage of our state and to expand the state's cultural  
21 resources; and

22 (4) to encourage and assist freedom of artistic  
23 expression essential for the well being of the arts.

24 Sec. 44.19.570. POWERS OF COUNCIL. The council is  
25 hereby authorized and empowered to hold public and private  
26 hearings, to enter into contracts, within the limit of  
27 funds available therefor, with individuals, organizations,  
28 and institutions for services furthering the educational  
29 objectives of the council's programs; to enter into

1 contracts, within the limit of funds available therefor,  
2 with local and regional associations for cooperative  
3 endeavors furthering the educational objectives of the  
4 council's programs; to accept gifts, contributions, and  
5 bequests of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations,  
6 corporations, and other organizations or institutions for  
7 the purpose of furthering the educational objectives of the  
8 council's programs; to make and sign any agreements and to  
9 do and perform any acts that may be necessary to carry out  
10 the purposes of this Act. The council may request and shall  
11 receive from any department, division, board, bureau, com-  
12 mission, or agency of the state such assistance and data  
13 as will enable it properly to carry out its powers and  
14 duties herein. The council is authorized to receive state  
15 funds made available for its purposes.

16 Sec. 44.19.580. POWERS OF CHAIRMAN. The chairman may  
17 employ, with the approval of a majority of the members of the  
18 board, and at their pleasure remove, such experts and other  
19 employees as may be needed and fix their compensation within  
20 the amounts made available for such purposes.

21 Sec. 44.19.590. REPORTS. The council shall make an  
22 interim report to the governor and the legislature not later  
23 than May 1, 1966, and from time to time thereafter.

24 Sec. 44.19.600. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS. The council  
25 is the official agency of this state to receive and disburse  
26 any funds made available by the National Endowment for the  
27 Arts.

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