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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 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 establishing the Alaska Arts and
7 Crafts Council; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. The legislature is aware of the need for a
11 greater recognition of Alaska's rich heritage in its arts and
12 crafts; the need to support and encourage Alaska's existing
13 artists and craftsmen; the need to implement programs which will
14 attract more artists and craftsmen; and the need to seek means
15 whereby they are equitably reimbursed for their creative work.
16 The legislature also recognizes the values which would inure to
17 all Alaskans from statewide arts and crafts industries.

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

19 ARTICLE 8. ALASKA ARTS AND CRAFTS COUNCIL.

20 Sec. 44.19.600. CREATION. There is created in the
21 Department of Economic Development an Alaska Arts and
22 Crafts Council.

23 Sec. 44.19.610. COMPOSITION. The Alaska Arts and
24 Crafts Council consists of 11 members. The membership of
25 the council shall represent all fields of Alaska arts and
26 crafts and consist of persons who are widely known for
27 their competence and experience or interest in connection
28 with arts and crafts.

29 Sec. 44.19.620. APPOINTMENT. Members are appointed by

1 the governor from among citizens of Alaska. In making the
2 appointments, consideration shall be given to having state-
3 wide geographical representation on the council.

4 Sec. 44.19.630. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office
5 of each member is three years; however, of the members first
6 appointed, three shall be appointed for one year, four for
7 two years, and four for three years. Vacancies shall be
8 filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same
9 manner as original appointments.

10 Sec. 44.19.640. COMPENSATION. The members of the
11 council do not receive compensation for their services, but
12 receive the same travel allowances and per diem as state
13 officials and employees.

14 Sec. 44.19.650. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. The
15 governor shall designate a chairman and vice-chairman from
16 the members of the council to serve at the pleasure of the
17 governor. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer
18 of the council.

19 Sec. 44.19.660. DUTIES. The council shall:

20 (1) endeavor to raise standards of art, craftsman-
21 ship, and design through educational facilities and marketing
22 assistance;

23 (2) cooperate with communities in establishing
24 cooperatives, guilds, or workshops for the promotion of arts
25 and crafts, and assist them in advertising and marketing;

26 (3) formulate a program for the economic and
27 practical development and promotion of arts and crafts in
28 the state;

29 (4) operate a library of arts and crafts books,

1 lending them to groups or individuals for a designated
2 period;

3 (5) cooperate with craft groups in conducting
4 workshops for craftsmen in various sections of the state;

5 (6) promote a "ribbon" award exhibit annually
6 to encourage craftsmen to try new ideas and help raise
7 standards;

8 (7) publish a monthly Alaska arts and crafts
9 bulletin;

10 (8) publish an annual directory of craftsmen,
11 with their addresses, and the media with which they work;

12 (9) obtain publicity for craftsmen by planning
13 and arranging exhibits in various localities two or three
14 times a year;

15 (10) maintain a collection of photographs, slides,
16 and motion pictures of outstanding arts and craft articles
17 and activities, both completed and in progress;

18 (11) maintain a revolving fund from which to loan
19 money to a craftsman when he has an order but insufficient
20 funds for materials, provided that a loan to a craftsman may
21 not exceed the sum of \$500 ;

22 (12) perform any other duties which will further
23 the purpose of secs. 600 - 690 of this chapter.

24 Sec. 44.19.670. POWERS OF COUNCIL. (a) The council
25 may (1) hold public and private hearings; (2) enter into
26 contracts, within the limit of funds available, with individu-
27 als, organizations, and institutions for services furthering
28 the educational objectives of the council's programs; (3)
29 enter into contracts, within the limit of funds available,

1 with local and regional associations for cooperative
2 endeavors furthering the educational objectives of the
3 council's programs; (4) accept gifts, contributions, and
4 bequests of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations,
5 corporations, and other organizations or institutions for
6 the purpose of furthering the educational objectives of
7 the council's programs; (5) make and sign agreements and do
8 and perform any acts that may be necessary to carry out the
9 purposes of secs. 600 - 690 of this chapter.

10 (b) The council may request and shall receive from a
11 department, division, board, bureau, commission, or agency
12 of the state assistance and data which will enable it
13 properly to carry out its powers and duties.

14 Sec. 44.19.680. POWERS OF CHAIRMAN. The chairman may
15 employ, and at pleasure remove, experts and other employees
16 who may be needed and fix their compensation within the
17 amounts made available for its purposes.

18 Sec. 44.19.690. REPORTS. The council shall make an
19 interim report to the governor and the legislature not later
20 than December 1, 1966, and from time to time thereafter.

21 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
22 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.
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