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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 86

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 an Aboriginal Claims Com-
7 mission; prescribing its functions and
8 duties; and providing for an effective
9 date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding a new article to
12 read:

13 ARTICLE 7. ABORIGINAL CLAIMS COMMISSION.

14 Sec. 44.19.500. CREATION. There is created in the
15 office of the governor a State Aboriginal Claims Commission.

16 Sec. 44.19.510. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. The com-
17 mission consists of 16 commissioners appointed by the
18 governor. Each commissioner shall be a resident of the state
19 and be of at least one-half Alaskan aboriginal heritage.
20 The governor shall, without reference to political affilia-
21 tion, make the broadest possible geographical distribution
22 of commission memberships in making his appointments.

23 Sec. 44.19.520. CHAIRMAN. The commission shall elect
24 one of its members as chairman.

25 Sec. 44.19.530. SECRETARY. The secretary of state
26 serves as secretary and advisor to the commission.

27 Sec. 44.19.540. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet
28 at least once a year and may hold special meetings.

29 Sec. 44.19.550. COMPENSATION. Members of the

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commission are entitled to per diem and travel allowances authorized for state boards and commissions.

Sec. 44.19.560. ~~PURPOSE OF COMMISSION.~~ It is the purpose of the commission to meet and explore, examine, and report on the legitimate claims of the aboriginal citizens of the state regarding land and other subjects for which compensation may be claimed from the state or the federal government. It is the intent of the legislature that the commission will serve the interests of all citizens of Alaska and particularly the Native population in making known to the governor, the legislature, and the federal government those claims which are valid and for which monetary and other compensation can and should be made.

Sec. 44.19.570. CLAIMS AND COMPLAINTS. The commission is authorized to solicit and receive information, testimony, and documentation regarding aboriginal claims and to report findings and recommend action regarding claims and complaints in an annual report to the governor and the legislature. . The secretary of state, at the direction of the commission, shall publish and distribute the annual or any special report of the commission.

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