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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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 10. ABORIGINAL CLAIMS COMMISSION.

14 Sec. 44.19.700. CREATION. There is created in the  
15 office of the governor a State Aboriginal Claims Commission.

16 Sec. 44.19.710. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. The com-  
17 mission consists of 16 commissioners appointed by the  
18 governor. Each commissioner shall be a resident of the  
19 state and shall have knowledge of the culture and economy  
20 of at least one of the Native populations in the state. The  
21 governor shall, without reference to political affiliation,  
22 make the broadest possible geographical distribution of  
23 commission memberships in making his appointments.

24 Sec. 44.19.720. CHAIRMAN. The commission shall elect  
25 one of its members as chairman.

26 Sec. 44.19.730. SECRETARY. The secretary of state  
27 serves as secretary and advisor to the commission.

28 Sec. 44.19.740. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet  
29 at least once a year and may hold special meetings.

1           Sec. 44.19.750. COMPENSATION. Members of the commis-  
2 sion are entitled to per diem and travel allowances auth-  
3 orized for state boards and commissions.

4           Sec. 44.19.760. PURPOSE OF COMMISSION. It is the  
5 purpose of the commission to meet and explore, examine, and  
6 report on the legitimate claims of the aboriginal citizens  
7 of the state regarding land and other subjects for which  
8 compensation may be claimed from the state or the federal  
9 government. It is the intent of the legislature that the  
10 commission will serve the interests of all citizens of Alaska  
11 and particularly the Native population in making known to  
12 the governor, the legislature, and the federal government  
13 those claims which are valid and for which monetary and  
14 other compensation can and should be made.

15           Sec. 44.19.770. CLAIMS AND COMPLAINTS. The commission  
16 is authorized to solicit and receive information, testimony,  
17 and documentation regarding aboriginal claims and to report  
18 findings and recommend action regarding claims and complaints  
19 in an annual report to the governor and the legislature.  
20 The secretary of state, at the direction of the commission,  
21 shall publish and distribute the annual or any special  
22 report of the commission.

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