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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 249

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 Commission on the Status of
8 Women, and defining the Commission's powers
9 and duties; and providing for an effective
10 date."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to
13 read:

14 Sec. 44.19.650. CREATION. There is created in the
15 office of the governor the Alaska Commission on the Status
16 of Women.

17 Sec. 44.19.660. COMPOSITION. The Alaska Commission
18 on the Status of Women shall consist of 11 members.

19 Sec. 44.19.670. APPOINTMENT. The members shall be
20 appointed by the governor from among citizens of Alaska
21 without regard to sex. In making such appointments, due
22 consideration shall be given to the recommendations made by
23 civic organizations, women's organizations, educational and
24 vocational groups, employer groups, labor unions, church
25 groups, and other groups having an interest in the status
26 of women. In making such appointments, due consideration
27 shall be given to having state-wide geographical repre-
28 sentation on the commission.

29 Sec. 44.19.680. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office

1 of each member shall be three years; provided, however, that
2 of the members first appointed, three shall be appointed for
3 terms of one year, four for terms of two years, and four for
4 terms of three years. All vacancies shall be filled for the
5 balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original
6 appointments.

7 Sec. 44.19.690. COMPENSATION. The members of the com-
8 mission shall not receive any compensation for their services
9 but they shall receive the same travel pay and per diem as
10 state officials and employees. Travel pay and per diem shall
11 be limited to not more than two annual meetings of the
12 commission.

13 Sec. 44.19.700. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. The
14 governor shall designate a chairman and vice-chairman from
15 the members of the commission to serve as such at the
16 pleasure of the governor. The chairman shall be the chief
17 executive officer of the council.

18 Sec. 44.19.710. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The duties
19 of the commission shall be

- 20 (1) to explore, on a state-wide basis, the
21 economic, social, political, and legal problems of women;
22 (2) to survey the public and private employment
23 policies and practices within the state;
24 (3) to study state labor laws dealing with hours,
25 wages, and working conditions of women;
26 (4) to study the legal treatment of women in
27 regard to political and civil rights;
28 (5) to study state social insurance and tax laws
29 as they affect the interests of women;

1 (6) to survey policies and practices with respect
2 to education, counseling, and job training of women; and

3 (7) to suggest new and expanded services for
4 women as wives, mothers, and workers.

5 Sec. 44.19.720. POWERS OF COMMISSION. The commission
6 is authorized and empowered to hold public and private hear-
7 ings; to enter into contracts, within the limit of funds
8 made available therefor, with individuals, organizations,
9 and institutions for services furthering the objectives of
10 the commission; to accept gifts, contributions, and bequests
11 of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations, corpora-
12 tions, and other organizations or institutions for the pur-
13 pose of furthering the objectives of the commission. The
14 commission may request and shall receive from any department,
15 division, board, bureau, commission, or agency of the state
16 such assistance and data as will enable it properly to carry
17 out its powers and duties herein. The council is authorized
18 to receive state and federal funds made available for its
19 purposes.

20 Sec. 44.19.730. POWERS OF CHAIRMAN. The chairman may
21 employ, and at pleasure remove, such experts and other
22 employees as may be needed and fix their compensation within
23 the amounts made available for such purposes.

24 Sec. 44.19.740. REPORTS. The commission shall make an
25 annual report to the governor.

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