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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 277

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a Native Affairs Commission; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 9A. NATIVE AFFAIRS COMMISSION

11 Sec. 44.19.700. CREATION. There is created in the office of  
12 the governor a Native Affairs Commission.

13 Sec. 44.19.710. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. The governor shall  
14 appoint not less than 25 nor more than 60 persons to serve on the com-  
15 mission. Each appointee shall:

16 (1) be of Alaska Native descent;

17 (2) have been a resident of Alaska for at least five years  
18 preceding the date of appointment.

19 In appointing members of the commission, the governor shall seek  
20 the broadest possible representation for all Alaska Natives, giving  
21 due consideration to geographical, tribal and ethnic groupings. For  
22 the purposes of this section, "Native" means Indian, Eskimo or Aleut.

23 Sec. 44.19.720. CHAIRMAN, MEETINGS. (a) The commission shall  
24 select one of its members to serve as chairman.

25 (b) The commission shall meet annually in the state capital,  
26 and at such other times and places as circumstances require. Meetings  
27 may be called by the governor, or by a majority of commission members.

28 Sec. 44.19.740. TERMS, REMOVAL, COMPENSATION. (a) Members  
29 serve for overlapping four year terms. The first members appointed

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1 serve for one, two, three and four year terms as determined by the  
2 governor. The chairman serves for a term set by the commission, not  
3 to exceed four years.

4 (b) Members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

5 (c) Members receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and  
6 travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

7 Sec. 44.19.750. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission  
8 shall:

9 (1) solicit and receive information, testimony and docu-  
10 mentation regarding Native problems, including, but not limited to,  
11 Native Land Claims;

12 (2) report findings and recommend action designed to  
13 assist the governor in reaching fair and equitable solutions to  
14 Native problems.

15 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and  
16 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.  
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