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by Request of the Governor

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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR 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 Rural 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. RURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

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

13 Sec. 44.19.710. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. (a) The governor  
14 shall appoint not less than 25 nor more than 60 persons to serve on  
15 the commission. In appointing members of the commission, the governor  
16 shall seek the broadest possible representation for all Alaskans, giving  
17 due consideration to geographical area. Each appointee shall have been  
18 a resident of Alaska for at least five years preceding the date of  
19 appointment.

20 (b) Legislators shall be eligible for appointment to this com-  
21 mission.

22 (c) Any organization may submit names of persons eligible for  
23 appointment to this commission. The governor shall give consideration  
24 to such persons and to the extent possible the commission shall be  
25 representative of all rural areas in Alaska.

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

28 (b) The commission shall meet annually in the state capital, and  
29 at such other times and places as circumstances require. Meetings may

1 be called by the governor, or by a majority of commission members.

2 Sec. 44.19.740. TERMS, REMOVAL, COMPENSATION. (a) Members serve  
3 for overlapping four-year terms. The first members appointed serve  
4 for one, two, three and four-year terms as determined by the governor.  
5 The chairman serves for a term set by the commission, not to exceed  
6 four years.

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

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

10 Sec. 44.19.750. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission  
11 shall:

12 (1) solicit and receive information, testimony and documenta-  
13 tion regarding rural progress.

14 (2) report findings and recommend action designed to assist  
15 the governor in reaching fair and equitable decisions regarding rural  
16 affairs.

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