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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 585

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the creation of the Alaska State-  
7 hood Commemorative Celebration Commission and pres-  
8 cribing its duties; granting powers and duties to the  
9 Department of Economic Development; and providing for  
10 an effective date."

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

12 \* Section 1. CREATION OF ALASKA STATEHOOD COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION COM-  
13 MISSION. There is created in the Department of Economic Development the  
14 Alaska Statehood Commemorative Celebration Commission.

15 \* Sec. 2. COMPOSITION AND TERM OF OFFICE. The commission shall consist  
16 of 16 members to be appointed by the governor within 30 days after the effec-  
17 tive date of this Act. Members of the commission serve during its existence  
18 unless removed by the governor for good cause. A vacancy shall be filled by  
19 appointment by the governor.

20 \* Sec. 3. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the commission shall  
21 serve without compensation, but they shall receive the same travel pay and  
22 per diem as state officials and employees.

23 \* Sec. 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The commission shall meet within 60 days  
24 after the effective date of this Act and, upon the call of the governor,  
25 shall select an executive committee of five of the members of the commission.  
26 The executive committee shall be composed of one member from each judicial  
27 district and one member at large and shall serve at the pleasure of the com-  
28 mission. Members of the executive committee are entitled to reimbursement  
29 for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

1 \* Sec. 5. CHAIRMAN. The executive committee shall select a chairman from  
2 the membership of the committee and he shall also be the chairman of the  
3 commission.

4 \* Sec. 6. QUORUM. A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum for  
5 the transaction of business of the commission, and a majority of the execu-  
6 tive committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business of the  
7 executive committee.

8 \* Sec. 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The commissioner of economic development  
9 may appoint an executive director of the commission, prescribe his duties,  
10 and fix his compensation. If an executive director is employed, he shall  
11 be in the partially exempt service under AS 39.25.120.

12 \* Sec. 8. DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The commission shall

13 (1) advise the governor and the Department of Economic Development  
14 on all activities leading up to and relating to the 1969 Alaska statehood  
15 celebration;

16 (2) cooperate with the Department of Economic Development in  
17 seeking the assistance and cooperation of the United States Government,  
18 political subdivisions, communities, foreign governments, and all historical,  
19 pioneer, and patriotic bodies and societies participating in celebrations  
20 and exhibits leading up to and relating to the 1969 Alaska statehood cele-  
21 bration.

22 \* Sec. 9. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The executive committee shall  
23 carry out any duty assigned to it by the commission and see that the pur-  
24 poses of this Act are carried out.

25 \* Sec. 10. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

26 (a) The Department of Economic Development shall, after consultation with  
27 the commission and the concurrence of the governor,

28 (1) plan and administer all official state activities leading up  
29 to and relating to the 1969 Alaska statehood celebration;

1 (2) make an annual report of its activities to the governor on  
2 December 31 of each year, including an accounting of the funds received and  
3 expended or committed.

4 (b) The Department of Economic Development, after consultation with  
5 the commission and the concurrence of the governor, shall have the power to

6 (1) receive and dispose of gifts and donations and do all things  
7 consistent with law to insure the success of the statehood celebration;

8 (2) engage in joint projects with or make grants to any state,  
9 city or any organization to accomplish the purpose of this Act.

10 \* Sec. 11. TERMINATION OF COMMISSION. All powers granted by this Act  
11 shall terminate on June 30, 1970, or when the duties established by this  
12 Act are accomplished, whichever occurs first. A final report and accounting  
13 shall be made to the governor by the commission before its termination.

14 \* Sec. 12. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and  
15 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.  
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