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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 602

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing a second class borough to estab-
7 lish a human relations commission for the area
8 outside cities."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 07.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 07.15.727. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. (a) The second
12 class borough may by ordinance establish a human relations commission
13 to function within the area outside cities and may provide for commis-
14 sion composition, terms of office, procedures and compensation, if any.
15 The commission may annually adopt and submit a budget request to the
16 assembly for secretarial and other commission expenses and shall submit
17 an annual report to the assembly.

18 (b) A human relations commission established by the borough shall
19 have the following powers, which may also be prescribed as duties by
20 the assembly:

21 (1) to make such investigations and studies in any field of
22 human relations as in the judgment of the commission will aid in effec-
23 tuating its general purposes;

24 (2) to act when requested as conciliator in matters involvin
25 alleged discrimination;

26 (3) to inquire and investigate incidents involving alleged
27 discrimination;

28 (4) to develop programs and techniques designed to eliminate
29 discrimination;

1 (5) to enlist the cooperation of other groups in an educa-
2 tion campaign devoted to teaching the necessity for eliminating
3 discrimination;

4 (6) to cooperate with governmental agencies in developing
5 courses of instruction having the objective of eliminating discrimina-
6 tion;

7 (7) to promote, when and where the commission deems it desir-
8 able, the establishment of local community organizations consisting of
9 representatives of community groups to plan and carry out education
10 programs in the community;

11 (8) to make, after the completion of any public hearing, a
12 report in writing to the assembly setting forth the facts found by the
13 commission and its recommendations;

14 (9) to cooperate with the State Commission for Human Rights
15 wherever possible to effect compliance with state law and to act when
16 requested in an advisory capacity to the state commission;

17 (10) to recommend to the assembly ordinances or other gov-
18 erning body action to aid in carrying out commission purposes.

19 (c) In (a) of this section "discrimination" means a discriminatory
20 practice prohibited under AS 18.80 or other state law and any other
21 difference in treatment based on race, color, religion, national origin
22 or ancestry. The term includes segregation, except that it shall not
23 be discrimination for an institution operated, supervised or controlled
24 by a religious or denominational organization to prefer members of its
25 own religion or denomination.

26 (d) The exercise of the power conferred in this section is at the
27 option of the borough and is not subject to the restrictions on acquir-
28 ing additional powers in the area outside cities specified in secs. 720
29 and 730 - 800 of this chapter.