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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 667

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a Police Standards Council, pro-  
7 viding for its functions; and providing for an effec-  
8 tive date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 18.65 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 2. POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL.

12 Sec. 18.65.210. CREATION, COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. There is  
13 created in the office of the governor the Police Standards Council.  
14 The council shall consist of nine members. In addition to the commis-  
15 sioner of public safety and the attorney general the governor shall  
16 appoint two representatives of higher education, two members from the  
17 public at large, and three chief administrative officers of local police  
18 forces, one each from within the Southeastern, Southcentral, and Norther  
19 regions of the state.

20 Sec. 18.65.220. TERMS OF OFFICE. The commissioner of public  
21 safety and the attorney general shall serve on the council for the  
22 term of their principal state offices. Other members shall serve  
23 staggered four-year terms. Upon initial appointment, two members shall  
24 serve for two years, two members for three years, and three members for  
25 four years. No member may remain on the council after he leaves the  
26 position which rendered him eligible for appointment. A member ap-  
27 pointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the  
28 member he succeeds.

29 Sec. 18.65.230. OFFICERS. The council shall elect a chairman

1 and vice chairman from among its membership at the first meeting of  
2 each year.

3 Sec. 18.65.240. COMPENSATION. Council members shall serve  
4 without compensation, but shall be entitled to travel allowance and  
5 per diem as provided by law for board members.

6 Sec. 18.65.250. POWERS AND DUTIES. The council shall

7 (1) meet at least twice each year at the time and place  
8 designated by the chairman;

9 (2) report at least annually to the governor and the  
10 legislature on its activities;

11 (3) promulgate regulations necessary for the administration  
12 of this article;

13 (4) receive from all sources, all funds, property or assis-  
14 tance appropriated, granted or otherwise made available, and use and  
15 disburse them for purposes consistent with this article;

16 (5) establish the minimum qualifications for employment and  
17 promotion of peace officers including minimum and maximum age, physical  
18 and mental health standards, citizenship, moral character, education,  
19 training, experience and all other factors relating to the competence  
20 and reliability of peace officers in the performance of their duties;

21 (6) prescribe the examination which each peace officer  
22 applicant must take and the score he must obtain to qualify for employ-  
23 ment and the examination which each peace officer must take and the  
24 score he must obtain to qualify for promotion; different employment  
25 and promotional examinations may be established by the council for  
26 different law enforcement agencies;

27 (7) prescribe the form in which each police agency shall  
28 present evidence that an applicant for employment or promotion meets  
29 the criteria prescribed by the council pursuant to this article;

1 (8) issue a certificate attesting to the facts submitted  
2 under (7) of this section, and certifying to the individual's fitness  
3 for the position sought.

4 Sec. 18.65.260. OPTIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND PROMOTIONAL STANDARDS.  
5 A state or local law enforcement agency may establish employment and  
6 promotional standards for its area of jurisdiction which are more  
7 stringent than those prescribed by the council.

8 Sec. 18.65.270. PROVISIONS MANDATORY. No person may be employed  
9 or promoted by a state or local law enforcement agency after January 1,  
10 1969, except on a temporary or probationary basis not to exceed 90  
11 days, unless he meets the criteria prescribed by the council under  
12 sec. 250 of this chapter.

13 Sec. 18.65.280. PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS. A peace officer already  
14 serving under permanent appointments on July 1, 1968, does not need to  
15 meet any requirement established under sec. 250 of this chapter as a  
16 condition of tenure or continued employment. Failure of a peace offi-  
17 cer to fulfill these requirements shall not make him ineligible for a  
18 promotional examination for which he is otherwise eligible.

19 Sec. 18.65.290. EFFECT OF STATE PERSONNEL ACT. Provisions of  
20 AS 39.25 relating to selection, classification and promotion of state  
21 personnel apply to the selection, classification and promotion of state  
22 peace officers only to the extent they are consistent with this  
23 article.

24 Sec. 18.65.300. DEFINITIONS. As used in secs. 210 - 300 of this  
25 chapter

26 (1) "peace officer" means a state trooper in the Department  
27 of Public Safety or an employee of a police department which is a  
28 part of or administered by a political subdivision and who is responsi-  
29 ble for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of

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the penal, traffic or highway laws or regulations of this state.

• Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1968.