

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 108

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF ALASKA

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the creation of the commission
7 for Northern Operations of Rail Transportation and
8 Highways; defining the commission's powers and duties;
9 and providing for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

12 Sec. 44.19.700. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the
13 office of the governor the commission for northern operations of rail
14 transportation and highways.

15 Sec. 44.19.702. PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall
16 act as an advisory commission to the governor and to the legislature
17 to promote and implement the policy of the State of Alaska regarding
18 economic development of northern Alaska as defined by Senate Joint
19 Resolution No. 10 as am, SLA 1967.

20 Sec. 44.19.704. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION. The
21 commission consists of 10 members, five from Alaska and five from the
22 nation as a whole, appointed by the governor on a non-partisan basis.
23 Consideration shall be given to representation on the commission from
24 groups interested in economic development of northern Alaska. Members
25 of the commission shall be appointed as set out in AS 39.05.060.

26 Sec. 44.19.706. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the
27 commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem
28 and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

29 Sec. 44.19.708. CHAIRMAN AND QUORUM. The governor shall design-

1 nate a chairman and vice chairman of the commission. Six members
2 constitute a quorum.

3 Sec. 44.19.710. PERSONNEL. The commission shall employ suf-
4 ficient personnel to carry out the provisions of secs. 700 - 714 of
5 this chapter.

6 Sec. 44.19.712. POWERS AND DUTIES. The commission shall

7 (1) secure and study all information available relating to
8 past and present studies, recommendations and actions made by state,
9 federal and local government agencies specifically dealing with the
10 human, economic and transportation problems of northern Alaska;

11 (2) develop working relationships with all governmental
12 agencies and with representatives of all industries interested in
13 economic development of northern Alaska;

14 (3) study and develop information and recommendations
15 regarding routings and feasibility of the various modes of trans-
16 portation and establish relative construction data such as costs,
17 construction time and other such comparative data;

18 (4) review and report regularly to the proper committees
19 of the legislature and governor on progress made toward implementation
20 of the state's economic development policy for northern Alaska;

21 (5) receive and expend grants and appropriations from
22 private and governmental sources for the purpose of developing and
23 operating resource trails, roads and railroads to northern Alaska; and

24 (6) construct and maintain access improvements with the
25 intent of developing resources of northern Alaska.

26 Sec. 44.19.714. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The commission
27 shall make an annual report to the legislature within 20 days following
28 the convening of each annual session of the legislature outlining
29 progress toward full implementation of state development policy and

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1 expenditures in northern Alaska.

2 * Sec. 2. AS 39.05.060 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 39.05.060. APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS OF OFFICE
4 OF MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENTAL BOARDS, COUNCILS, OR COMMISSIONS. Each
5 member of the Local Boundary Commission, Alcoholic Beverage Control
6 Board, Board of Education, Employment Security Advisory Council,
7 Alaska State Housing Authority, Board of Fish and Game, [AND] Board
8 of Tourism, and the Commission for Northern Operations of Rail Trans-
9 portation and Highways shall be a citizen of the United States. The
10 governor shall appoint each member on the basis of interest in public
11 affairs, good judgment, knowledge and ability in the field of action
12 of the department for which appointed, and with a view to providing
13 diversity of interest and points of view in the membership. Appoint-
14 ments are subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of
15 the legislature in joint session. Initial appointments of members
16 are as follows: (1) in the case of three-member boards, for one,
17 two, and three years; (2) in the case of five-member boards, for
18 one, two, three, four and five years; (3) in the case of six-member
19 boards, two years; (4) and in the case of eight-member boards, two
20 members serve for one year, two for two years, two for three years,
21 and two for four years; (5) and in the case of ten-member boards,
22 two members serve for one year, two for two years, two for three
23 years, two for four years, and two for five years. Initial terms
24 date from February 1 before appointment. A vacancy occurring during
25 a term of office is filled in the same manner as the original appoint-
26 ment is made and for the balance of the unexpired term. Each member
27 holds office at the pleasure of the governor notwithstanding the
28 member's term.

29 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and

1 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.

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