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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 152

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing an Alaska Native Land Claims  
7 Committee; prescribing its powers and duties; and  
8 providing for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. In recognition of the urgent im-  
11 portance of a fair and immediate settlement of the land claims filed by the  
12 Indian, Aleut and Eskimo peoples of Alaska, and in recognition of the legal,  
13 moral and economic consequences of a land claim settlement to all the people  
14 of Alaska, it is necessary in the public interest to establish a committee,  
15 nongovernmental in nature, to assemble applicable material, make studies,  
16 promote legislation and provide recommendations in a timely manner.

17 \* Sec. 2. ALASKA NATIVE LAND CLAIMS COMMITTEE. There is hereby created  
18 the Alaska Native Land Claims Committee which shall be composed of nine  
19 members selected as follows: The Governor shall nominate nine adult resi-  
20 dents of Alaska, not more than five of whom are members of the same  
21 political party, who shall be promptly elected or rejected by the state  
22 legislature in joint session. In the event of any rejections the Governor  
23 shall submit additional names until all positions are filled. The two  
24 United States Senators and the Member of Congress from Alaska, and the  
25 Governor shall be ex-officio members of the committee.

26 \* Sec. 3. POWERS AND DUTIES. The committee shall

27 (1) organize and adopt rules for the conduct of its business;

28 (2) employ such qualified person or persons as may be necessary  
29 to perform research and prepare documents;

1 (3) prepare studies and analyses to implement early legislation  
2 and administrative action on land claims;

3 (4) employ such additional help, incur such other expense, and do  
4 whatever else it may deem necessary and proper to carry out the  
5 purposes of this Act.

6 \* Sec. 4. MEETINGS. The committee shall first meet upon call of the  
7 Governor as soon after appointment as convenient for the members. There-  
8 after the committee shall meet pursuant to its rules, as often as may be  
9 necessary.

10 \* Sec. 5. EXPENSES. Members of the committee shall, for time actually  
11 spent at meetings and in the performance of committee work, be entitled to  
12 receive transportation and per diem at the legislative rate.

13 \* Sec. 6. DISSOLUTION. The committee shall automatically dissolve at  
14 such time as a fair and just Alaska Native Land Claim Act shall be signed  
15 into law by the President of the United States.

16 \* Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day after its  
17 passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.