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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 621

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state archives."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 14.56.080(3) is repealed.

9 * Sec. 2. AS 14.56 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 14.56.085. STATE ARCHIVAL DUTIES. (a) The department shall
11 perform the state archival duties and functions and shall

12 (1) negotiate for, acquire and receive public records of
13 value for legal and administrative purposes or historical interest,
14 including noncurrent public records of the state and political
15 subdivisions as may be held pursuant to AS 40.20.020 - 030 or
16 otherwise and of defunct public agencies. Such records may be
17 accepted and transferred to official custody in the state archives
18 where they will be preserved, protected and arranged according to
19 approved archival practice;

20 (2) coordinate efforts in state records management and in
21 development of standards for records creation and maintenance with
22 disposal of public records subject to approval of the state archivist;

23 (3) have the right of reasonable access to and examination
24 of all public records in Alaska, except as otherwise prohibited by law;

25 (4) adopt a seal for official use and certification of
26 record copies which copies shall have the same force and effect as if
27 made by the original custodian;

28 (5) make available to any person for such fees as may be
29 required copies of archival material unless it is confidential,

1 restricted by law or by specified terms and conditions;

2 (6) replevy the records of any public office of the
3 territory or state of Alaska by negotiating for their return or by
4 notifying the attorney general who shall initiate recovery proceedings;

5 (7) make reasonable payment for records not previously
6 under adequate care, to the one in possession of them for expenses
7 incurred in obtaining possession or in providing for their safe-keeping
8 as certified by the archives with the approval and authorization of
9 funds by the governor;

10 (8) report to the governor and the legislature on the
11 activities and needs of the archives and make recommendations for the
12 improvement of archival services to the state;

13 (9) publish guides, inventories, reports, bulletins or
14 other publications that will promote the objectives of the archives;

15 (10) acquire private papers and manuscripts concerning
16 Alaska which are of historic significance or interest.

17 (b) For the purposes of this section public records includes
18 all written or printed documents, books, papers, letters, photographs,
19 maps, sound recordings, tapes, and other records in whatsoever form,
20 made or received in pursuance of law or in the transaction of public
business by an agency of the state and its political subdivisions.

23 (c) The provisions of AS 40.18.020 shall apply to photographed
24 or microfilmed copies of material in (4) of this section.