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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 220

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Joint State-Federal Natural
7 Resources and Land Use Planning Commission; and
8 providing for an effective date."

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

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

11 ARTICLE 9D. THE JOINT STATE-FEDERAL NATURAL

12 RESOURCES AND LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION

13 Sec. 44.19.748. STATE POLICY. The legislature determines that
14 the efficient and provident development of Alaska demands a carefully
15 coordinated approach to all natural resources and land use planning.
16 This demand can only be met if the United States and its agencies,
17 as the state's largest land owners, cooperate and coordinate their
18 planning with that of the State of Alaska and its agencies. The
19 legislature recognizes that the state must and should play a
20 significant role in planning the future uses of the public land base,
21 since a substantial part of the public lands of the United States
22 will belong to the state in the future. The legislature accordingly
23 invites the Congress of the United States to join with it in
24 establishing a joint-commission which will engage in natural resources
25 and land use planning for Alaska.

26 Sec. 44.19.750. JOINT STATE-FEDERAL NATURAL RESOURCES AND LAND
27 USE PLANNING COMMISSION. A Joint State-Federal Natural Resources and
28 Land Use Planning Commission is established.

29 Sec. 44.19.752. STATE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMISSION. (a) The

1 state membership on the commission is composed of the governor and

2 (1) two members of the governor's cabinet or their
3 designees; and

4 (2) two citizens of the state who are recognized as being
5 knowledgeable in the area of natural resources management and who are
6 not employed by the executive branch of the state or federal government.

7 (b) State members shall be appointed by the governor and serve at
8 his pleasure.

9 Sec. 44.19.753. COMMISSION: COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. State
10 members of the commission receive no salary for their service on the
11 commission but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses
12 authorized by law for commissions.

13 Sec. 44.19.754. COMMISSION: DUTIES. The commission shall
14 formulate a coordinated land use policy governing the wise and
15 beneficial use and management of natural resources and lands in the
16 State of Alaska. In carrying out these duties, the commission shall

17 (1) be responsible for the preparation of a state-wide
18 natural resources and land use plan. Provisions of the plan may
19 include designation of areas planned for permanent reservation in
20 federal ownership for parks or other purposes, designation of areas
21 planned for fulfillment of the land grant provisions of the Alaska
22 Statehood Act, designation of those areas of federal and state lands
23 which may be available for disposal, and designation of uses to be
24 made of lands remaining in federal and state ownership, including
25 lands which may be used in connection with a future transportation
26 network. However, designation shall not preclude selections under
27 provisions of the pending Native Land Claims Settlement;

28 (2) review existing federal withdrawals and recommend
29 modifications as are considered desirable;

1 (3) establish a committee of land use advisors to the
2 commission, made up of representatives of commercial, residential,
3 industrial, recreational, environmental, wilderness, and other land
4 users; and

5 (4) make recommendations to the President of the United
6 States and Congress and to the governor and Alaska Legislature as to
7 changes in laws, policies and programs that the commission determines
8 are necessary or desirable to meet the duties of the commission set
9 forth in this section.

10 Sec. 44.19.755. DETERMINATIONS BY THE COMMISSION. (a) The
11 director of the division of lands retains the authority to make and
12 revise classifications of land under the authority of AS 38.05.300.
13 However, any designation made by the commission and concurred in by the
14 governor as to the most wise and beneficial use of lands constitutes to
15 that extent an establishment for the state of the use of that land.
16 The commission may redesignate a use when it is in the public interest.

17 (b) A designation may identify included or excluded natural
18 resources and land uses. No authority to dispose of or to manage
19 lands is granted by this section.

20 Sec. 44.19.756. REGULATIONS. The commission may establish
21 regulations to carry out its responsibilities.

22 Sec. 44.19.757. HEARINGS. The commission may hold public
23 hearings in Alaska as it considers in the public interest to obtain
24 public views of proposed land use plans.

25 Sec. 44.19.758. INFORMATION FOR THE COMMISSION. Each department,
26 board, or commission of the state government is authorized to furnish
27 information to the commission upon request from the governor.

28 Sec. 44.19.759. STATEHOOD ACT LAND SELECTIONS. Nothing in
29 secs. 748 - 758 of this chapter shall be construed as an agreement

1 by the state to surrender, waive, or condition any right granted to
2 it by Public Law 85-508, 72 Stat. 339 to make selection of lands
3 owned by the United States.

4 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and
5 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.
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