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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 399
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Historical Commission."

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

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

9 ARTICLE 7. ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

10 Sec. 44.19.461. CREATION. There is created in the Office of the
11 Governor the Alaska Historical Commission.

12 Sec. 44.19.466. COMPOSITION. The Alaska Historical Commission
13 consists of four members appointed by the governor, ex officio the
14 lieutenant governor, and ex officio the executive director who may
15 not vote. The lieutenant governor shall serve as chairman.

16 Sec. 44.19.471. APPOINTMENT. The governor shall make his appoint-
17 ments from a list of recommended nominees submitted to him each year
18 by the Alaska Historical Society. In the first year of the commission
19 the list of nominees shall contain at least eight names and in each
20 subsequent year the list shall contain at least four names. A person
21 who has served on the commission may be renominated.

22 Sec. 44.19.476. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office for each
23 appointed member of the commission is two years, provided that of the
24 members first appointed, two shall serve for one year and two shall
25 serve for two years. When a member's term has expired and a replace-
26 ment has not been appointed, the member shall continue to serve until
27 a replacement is appointed.

28 Sec. 44.19.481. COMPENSATION. The members of the commission
29 shall not receive compensation for their services, but they shall

1 receive the same travel pay and per diem as state officials and
2 employees.

3 Sec. 44.19.486. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The duties of the
4 commission shall be to

5 (1) survey, evaluate, and catalog Alaska prehistory and
6 history materials now in print;

7 (2) ascertain and register what Alaska prehistory and
8 history work is now in progress;

9 (3) identify the existing gaps in the coverage of Alaska's
10 past in presently available published works and establish priorities
11 for bridging them;

12 (4) prepare a thematic study of Alaska's history for his-
13 toric preservation;

14 (5) identify the sources of Alaska's history;

15 (6) coordinate the production and publication of works that
16 will adequately present all aspects of Alaska's past; and

17 (7) cooperate with the federal government in programs rela-
18 ting to history and archaeology.

19 Sec. 44.19.491. REPORTS. The commission shall make an annual
20 report to the governor.

21 Sec. 44.19.496. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The commission shall hire
22 an executive director and determine his salary. The executive director
23 shall serve as the executive officer of the commission in the accom-
24 plishment of its functions. He serves at the direction and at the
25 pleasure of the commission.
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