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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 417

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating Regional Native Housing Authorities;  
7 and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

9 \* Section 1. AS 18.55 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 5. REGIONAL NATIVE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

11 Sec. 18.55.995. PURPOSE AND INTENT. The legislature finds that  
12 there exists an acute shortage of housing and related facilities in  
13 the villages of Alaska and that adequate housing cannot be provided by  
14 the private sector due to the economic depression which exists in most  
15 villages of Alaska. It is therefore the purpose and intent of the  
16 legislature to provide a means for certain native associations to form  
17 public corporations with the powers and duties of the Alaska State  
18 Housing Authority, with regard to their individual geographic boundaries  
19 so that the challenge of providing adequate, sanitary housing can better  
20 be met.

21 Sec. 18.55.996. CREATION OF AUTHORITIES. (a) The following  
22 associations are given the authority specified in (b) of this section:

- 23 (1) Arctic Slope Native Association (Barrow and Point Hope)  
24 (2) Bering Straits Association (Seward Peninsula, Unalakleet,  
25 St. Lawrence Island)  
26 (3) Northwest Alaska Native Association (Kotzebue)  
27 (4) Association of Village Council Presidents (Southwest  
28 Coast of Alaska including all villages in the Bethel area and all  
29 villages on the Lower Yukon River and Lower Kuskokwim River)

1 (5) Tanana Chiefs Conference (Koyukuk, the middle and upper  
2 Yukon River villages and the upper Kuskokwim and Tanana River villages)

3 (6) Cook Inlet Association (Kenai, Tyonek, Ekutna and  
4 ILLIAMNA)

5 (7) Bristol Bay Native Association (Dillingham, Upper Alaska  
6 Peninsula)

7 (8) Aleut League (Aleutian Islands, Pribiloff Islands and  
8 that part of the Alaskan Peninsula which is in the Aleut League)

9 (9) Chugach Native Association (Cordova, Tatitlek, Port  
10 Graham, English Bay, Valdez and Seward)

11 (10) Thlingit Haida Central Council (Southeastern Alaska  
12 including Metlakatla)

13 (11) Kodiak Area Native Association (all villages on and  
14 around Kodiak Island)

15 (12) Copper River Native Association (Copper Center, Glenn-  
16 allen, Chitina and Mentasta)

17 (b) There is created with respect to each of the associations  
18 named in (a) of this section a public body corporate and politic to  
19 function in the operating area of the individual associations to be  
20 known as the regional housing authority of the associations which are  
21 agencies of the state possessing all powers, rights and functions now  
22 or subsequently specified for the Alaska State Housing Authority, under  
23 the Alaska State Housing Authority Act (secs. 10 - 290 of this chapter)  
24 except those specified with respect to the construction and acquisition  
25 of public buildings for lease to the state or any subsequently specified  
26 authority which is inconsistent with sec. 995 of this chapter.

27 (c) A housing authority created by this section may not transact  
28 business or exercise powers granted to it until the governing body of  
29 the named association has, by proper resolution, declared that there is

1 a need for the authority to function, gives it the authority to function  
2 and has named its commissioners as provided under (d) of this section.

3 (d) The governing body of the association in question shall,  
4 after determining that they wish to have a regional native housing  
5 authority, appoint five persons to serve as the board of commissioners  
6 of the authority. The term of office of each member is for three years  
7 except that of the commissioners first appointed, one shall serve for  
8 a term of one year and two shall serve for a term of two years. Vacan-  
9 cies shall be filled by the governing body of the association in ques-  
10 tion.

11 (e) Questions arising as to jurisdiction and boundary disputes as  
12 a result of the jurisdictional lines set out by (a) of this section  
13 shall be resolved by the governing board of the Alaska Federation of  
14 Natives.

15 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1971.  
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