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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 421

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 resource education services;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 10B. ALASKAN RESOURCE EDUCATION

11 Sec. 44.19.851. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created as an
12 independent entity and instrumentality of the state within the Office
13 of the Governor a Citizens Commission on Alaskan Resource Education.

14 Sec. 44.19.855. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The policies and programs
15 of the commission shall be established under the direction of its
16 board of directors. The board shall consist of no more than 21
17 directors appointed by the governor on a non-partisan basis and with
18 due regard to geographic distribution to serve, at his pleasure, terms
19 of one to three years so that approximately one-third of the terms of
20 the directors expire each year. The honorary chairman of the board
21 shall be the governor. The board shall select from among its members
22 a chairman.

23 Sec. 44.19.857. MEMBERSHIP AND PANELS. The board of directors of
24 the commission may provide for membership in the commission open to
25 all citizens of Alaska. It may provide for classes of membership and
26 panels based on technical advisory skills, specialized interest,
27 regional distribution, financial or other contribution to the work of
28 the commission or other criteria appropriate to the purposes of the
29 commission. The board of directors of the commission may provide for

1 associate membership and participation by non-citizens of Alaska
2 having an interest in the work of the commission.

3 Sec. 44.19.859. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The commission shall

4 (1) develop, gather and disseminate, outside Alaska,
5 factual information relating to the historic, present and future
6 outlook for the development and conservation of Alaska's human and
7 natural resources;

8 (2) act to correct misinformation and misconceptions about
9 Alaska and Alaskans current in the United States outside Alaska.

10 (b) In carrying out the objections of (a) of this section,
11 the commission may:

12 (1) develop and utilize materials relating to public and
13 private programs relevant to such objectives for media use and
14 individual distribution;

15 (2) describe the effect on Alaska and Alaskans of any
16 state or federal legislative proposal or enactment relating to the
17 development of Alaska's human and natural resources;

18 (3) sponsor specific informational programs and develop and
19 utilize materials including, but not limited to films, tapes, slides,
20 photographs and written materials;

21 (4) conduct training or informational programs for Alaskans
22 interested in participating in the work of the commission;

23 (5) designate representatives to visit and travel outside
24 Alaska for the purpose of disseminating information consistent with
25 the objectives of the commission;

26 (6) bring American opinion leaders to Alaska to view
27 Alaskan resource management at first hand.

28 (c) In carrying out its purposes the commission has the power to:

29 (1) adopt by-laws and rules of administration governing its

1 own operations;

2 (2) enter into contracts, sue and be sued and borrow
3 money and do all other things and perform all other acts necessary or
4 appropriate to its purposes and not in conflict with secs. 851 - 865
5 of this chapter which may be performed by a non-profit corporation
6 organized under AS 10.20;

7 (3) employ, upon the advice of the governor, an executive
8 director and such other staff as it deems appropriate;

9 (4) set terms and conditions of employment for its
10 employees and authorize travel and per diem for the directors and
11 other persons engaged in the execution of commission programs as
12 appropriate;

13 (5) receive gifts and grants from public and private
14 sources in keeping with its purposes.

15 (d) State funds intended for use by the commission shall be
16 appropriated to the Office of the Governor for distribution to the
17 commission as and when necessary and desirable.

18 Sec. 44.19.861. PROHIBITIONS. The commission may not

19 (1) develop or distribute materials primarily addressed to,
20 or intended for consumption by Alaskan audiences;

21 (2) develop or utilize fictitious or misleading materials;

22 (3) expend its funds for advertising in any media primarily
23 aimed at or distributed to Alaskan residents.

24 Sec. 44.19.863. EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD ON RESOURCE INFORMATION
25 SERVICES. The governor shall designate appropriate state officers to
26 serve as the executive advisory board on resource information services.
27 The head of a principal department of the executive branch shall be
28 designated by the governor to serve as chairman of the executive
29 advisory board.

1 Sec. 44.19.865. ALASKA RESOURCE INFORMATION CONFERENCE. (a) The
2 Citizens Commission on Alaska Resource Education, the executive
3 advisory board on resource information services and the joint
4 committee of the legislature designated by the legislature as having
5 corresponding or related interests and duties constitute the Alaskan
6 Resource Information Conference.

7 (b) The three chairmen of the board, committee and commission
8 constituting the Alaskan Resource Information Conference shall
9 constitute its steering committee and shall meet from time to time
10 to assure that the policies and programs of the constituent board,
11 committee and commission of the conference are formulated and carried
12 out in a coordinated manner consistent with the public interest. The
13 steering committee may provide for meetings of panels and subcommittees
14 of the board, committee and commission constituting the conference for
15 this purpose.

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