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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 423 *Am*

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 involvement of young people  
7 in local government and school governance; and pro-  
8 viding for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. PURPOSE. It is the intent of the legislature in enacting  
11 this statute to provide an opportunity for the young people of Alaska to  
12 become involved in the institutions and processes of local government and  
13 school governance comparable to that embodied in legislation under considera-  
14 tion at the 1971 session of the legislature providing for participation in  
15 the executive branch of state government.

16 \* Sec. 2. AS 07.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

17 ARTICLE 2. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

18 IN BOROUGH GOVERNMENT.

19 Sec. 07.40.020. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION. A borough assembly  
20 may by ordinance create a commission on the involvement of young  
21 people in borough government.

22 Sec. 07.40.021. COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN. The commission may  
23 consist of not more than nine members, drawn from fields of public  
24 affairs, education, the sciences, the professions, other fields of  
25 private endeavor, from the state or local service, and three additional  
26 members from the 17 through 22 age group, and shall include women and  
27 representatives of minority groups. The members shall be appointed  
28 by the borough assembly in the manner prescribed by ordinance without  
29 regard to political affiliation and shall serve at the pleasure of

1 that body. One member shall be designated by the assembly as chairman  
2 of the commission.

3 Sec. 07.40.022. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the  
4 commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem  
5 and travel expenses as may be authorized by ordinance.

6 Sec. 07.40.023. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commis-  
7 sion shall establish procedures to enable it to recommend annually to  
8 the assembly a group of promising young men and women from whom the  
9 assembly may select interns and youth voting members of borough boards  
10 and commissions. The commission, in establishing these procedures,  
11 shall enlist the aid of borough residents who are actively interested  
12 in working with young people. Following adoption of the procedures,  
13 the commission shall accept applications from individuals and nomina-  
14 tions for consideration, and may interview all applicants or nominees.

15 (b) Recommendations of the commission shall be limited to young  
16 people who

17 (1) have a capacity, desire, interest, ability and potential  
18 for leadership and service to the community and to the state;

19 (2) will have attained the age of 17 but not the age of 22  
20 before the beginning of their service.

21 (c) Annually, the commission shall evaluate the program and  
22 shall submit a written report to the assembly.

23 Sec. 07.40.024. INTERNS. An intern may be appointed to serve  
24 on the staff of the assembly or the borough executive for a period of  
25 time prescribed by the assembly, with a maximum of one year. He may  
26 be assigned responsibilities in any office, department or agency of  
27 the borough. Service will begin at a time prescribed by the assembly.  
28 Interns shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation,  
29 and an intern may not participate in partisan political activities

1 during the term of his appointment as an intern. Salaries shall be  
2 individually established by the assembly on the basis of prior experi-  
3 ence and the responsibilities of the position to which the intern is  
4 assigned.

5 Sec. 07.40.025. APPOINTMENT TO BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

6 (a) Notwithstanding AS 39.05.100 or a provision of law relating to  
7 age, the assembly may appoint any borough resident to a borough board  
8 or commission if recommended by the borough youth involvement commis-  
9 sion.

10 (b) A young person recommended by the commission may be appointed  
11 to borough boards or commissions with special qualifications for  
12 membership of the proposed nominee, except for his age, meets the  
13 required qualifications set by law.

14 (c) An individual appointed to a borough board or commission  
15 under this section is entitled to the rights, privileges and responsi-  
16 bilities of other members, and his appointment is subject to confirma-  
17 tion by the assembly when required by law. No additional seat on a  
18 borough board or commission is created by virtue of secs. 20 - 25 of  
19 this chapter.

20 \* Sec. 3. AS 29.95 is amended by adding new sections to read:

21 ARTICLE 2. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE  
22 IN CITY GOVERNMENT.

23 Sec. 29.95.020. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION. A city council by  
24 ordinance may create a commission on the involvement of young people  
25 in city government.

26 Sec. 29.95.021. COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN. The commission may  
27 consist of not more than nine members, drawn from fields of public  
28 affairs, education, the sciences, the professions, other fields of  
29 private endeavor, from the state or local service, and three additional

1 members from the 17 through 22 age group, and shall include women and  
2 representatives of minority groups. The members shall be appointed  
3 by the city council in the manner prescribed by ordinance without  
4 regard to political affiliation and shall serve at the pleasure of  
5 that body. One member shall be designated by the council as chairman  
6 of the commission.

7 Sec. 29.95.022. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the  
8 commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem  
9 and travel expenses as may be authorized by ordinance.

10 Sec. 29.95.023. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission  
11 shall establish procedures to enable it to recommend annually to the  
12 council a group of promising young men and women from whom the council  
13 may select interns and youth voting members of city boards and commis-  
14 sions. The commission, in establishing these procedures, shall enlist  
15 the aid of city residents who are actively interested in working with  
16 young people. Following adoption of the procedures, the commission  
17 shall accept applications from individuals and nominations for consider-  
18 ation, and may interview all applicants or nominees.

19 (b) Recommendations of the commission shall be limited to young  
20 people who

21 (1) have a capacity, desire, interest, ability and potential  
22 for leadership and service to the community and to the state;

23 (2) will have attained the age of 17 but not the age of  
24 22 before the beginning of their service.

25 (c) Annually, the commission shall evaluate the program and  
26 shall submit a written report to the council.

27 Sec. 29.95.024. INTERNS. An intern may be appointed to serve  
28 on the staff of the council or the city executive for a period of time  
29 prescribed by the council, with a maximum of one year. He may be

1 assigned responsibilities in any office, department or agency of the  
2 city. Service will begin at a time prescribed by the council. Interns  
3 shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation, and an  
4 intern may not participate in partisan political activities during the  
5 term of his appointment as an intern. Salaries shall be individually  
6 established by the council on the basis of prior experience and the  
7 responsibilities of the position to which the intern is assigned.

8 Sec. 29.95.025. APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. (a)  
9 Notwithstanding AS 39.05.100 or a provision of law relating to age,  
10 the council may appoint any city resident to a city board or commission  
11 if recommended by the city youth involvement commission.

12 (b) A young person recommended by the commission may be appointed  
13 to city boards or commissions with special qualifications for member-  
14 ship if the proposed nominee, except for his age, meets the required  
15 qualifications set by law.

16 (c) An individual appointed to a borough board or commission  
17 under this section is entitled to the rights, privileges and responsi-  
18 bilities of other members, and his appointment is subject to confirma-  
19 tion by the council when required by law. No additional seat on a  
20 city board or commission is created by virtue of secs. 20 - 25 of this  
21 chapter.

22 \* Sec. 4. AS 14.14 is amended by adding new sections to read:

23 ARTICLE 3. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE  
24 IN SCHOOL GOVERNANCE.

25 Sec. 14.14.300. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE. A school board may  
26 create a committee or other advisory body on the involvement of young  
27 people in school governance.

28 Sec. 14.14.301. COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN. The committee may  
29 consist of not more than nine members, drawn from the fields of public

1 affairs, education, the sciences, the professions, other fields of  
2 private endeavor, from the state or local service, and three additional  
3 members from the 17 through 22 age group, and shall include women and  
4 representatives of minority groups. The members shall be appointed  
5 by the board in the manner prescribed by the board without regard  
6 to political affiliation and shall serve at the pleasure of that body.  
7 One member shall be designated by the board as chairman of the  
8 committee.

9 Sec. 14.14.302. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the  
10 committee or other advisory body serve without compensation but are  
11 entitled to per diem and travel expenses as may be authorized by the  
12 board.

13 Sec. 14.14.303. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE. (a) The committee  
14 shall establish procedures to enable it to recommend annually to the  
15 board a group of promising young men and women from whom the board may  
16 select interns and youth voting members of district committees or  
17 other advisory bodies. The committee, in establishing these procedures,  
18 shall enlist the aid of district residents who are actively interested  
19 in working with young people. Following adoption of the procedures,  
20 the committee shall accept applications from individuals and nomina-  
21 tions for consideration, and may interview all applicants or nominees.

22 (b) Recommendations of the committee shall be limited to young  
23 people who

24 (1) have a capacity, desire, interest, ability and potential  
25 for leadership and service to the community and to the state;

26 (2) will have attained the age of 17 but not the age of  
27 22 before the beginning of their service.

28 (c) Annually, the committee shall evaluate the program and shall  
29 submit a written report to the board.

1           Sec. 14.14.304. INTERNS. An intern may be appointed to serve  
2 on the staff of the board or the district administrator for a period  
3 of time prescribed by the board, with a maximum of one year. He may  
4 be assigned responsibilities in any office, department or agency of  
5 the district. Service will begin at a time prescribed by the board.  
6 Interns shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation, and  
7 an intern may not participate in partisan political activities during  
8 the term of his appointment as an intern. Salaries shall be  
9 individually established by the board on the basis of prior experience  
10 and the responsibilities of the position to which the intern is  
11 assigned.

12           Sec. 14.14.305. APPOINTMENT TO DISTRICT COMMITTEES OR OTHER  
13 ADVISORY BODIES. (a) Notwithstanding AS 39.05.100 or a provision of  
14 law relating to age, the board may appoint any district resident to  
15 a district committee or advisory body if recommended by the youth  
16 involvement committee.

17           (b) A young person recommended by the committee may be appointed  
18 to district committees or advisory bodies with special qualifications  
19 for membership if the proposed nominee, except for his age, meets the  
20 required qualifications set by law.

21           (c) An individual appointed to a district committee or advisory  
22 body under this section is entitled to the rights, privileges and  
23 responsibilities of other members, and his appointment is subject to  
24 confirmation by the board when required by law. No additional seat  
25 on a district committee or advisory body is created by virtue of  
26 secs. 300 - 305 of this chapter.

27           Sec. 14.14.306. In secs. 300 - 306 of this chapter

28           (1) "board" means the governing body of a borough or city  
29 school district, or the Board of Directors for the State-Operated

1 Schools;

2 (2) "district" means a borough or city school district or  
3 the state-operated school system.

4 \* Sec. 5. AS 43.18.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (j) During each fiscal year, the state shall pay to an organized  
6 borough, city or school district which provides a youth involvement  
7 in government program under AS 07.40.020 - 07.40.025, AS 29.95.020 -  
8 29.95.025, or AS 14.14.300 - 14.14.306, an amount equal to five per  
9 cent of the total amount granted during the preceding fiscal year  
10 under AS 43.18 to finance the youth involvement in government program.  
11 In the case of school districts within a city or borough, or city and  
12 borough school districts, the city or borough shall share its alloca-  
13 tion under this subsection with the school district in proportion to  
14 the number of interns that the school district has to the total number  
15 of interns in the program, obtained by adding together the interns  
16 appointed by the city, borough and school district.

17 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approv-  
18 al or on the day it becomes law without approval.