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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 423

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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 shall 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 Salaries shall be individually established by the assembly on the basis

1 of prior experience and the responsibilities of the position to which
2 the intern is assigned.

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

4 (a) Notwithstanding AS 39.05.100 or a provision of law relating to
5 age, the assembly may appoint any 17 through 21 year old borough resident
6 to a borough board or commission if recommended by the borough youth
7 involvement commission.

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

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

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

19 ARTICLE 2. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE
20 IN CITY GOVERNMENT.

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

24 Sec. 29.95.021. COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN. The commission may
25 consist of not more than nine members, drawn from fields of public
26 affairs, education, the sciences, the professions, other fields of
27 private endeavor, from the state or local service, and three additional
28 members from the 17 through 22 age group, and shall include women and
29 representatives of minority groups. The members shall be appointed

1 by the city council in the manner prescribed by ordinance without
2 regard to political affiliation and shall serve at the pleasure of
3 that body. One member shall be designated by the council as chairman
4 of the commission.

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

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

17 (b) Recommendations of the commission shall be limited to young
18 people who

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

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

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

25 Sec. 29.95.024. INTERNS. An intern may be appointed to serve
26 on the staff of the council or the city executive for a period of time
27 prescribed by the council, with a maximum of one year. He may be
28 assigned responsibilities in any office, department or agency of the
29 city. Service will begin at a time prescribed by the council. Interns

1 shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation. Salaries
2 shall be individually established by the council on the basis of prior
3 experience and the responsibilities of the position to which the intern
4 is assigned.

5 Sec. 29.95.025. APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. (a)
6 Notwithstanding AS 39.05.100 or a provision of law relating to age,
7 the council may appoint any 17 through 21 year old city resident to a city
8 board or commission if recommended by the city youth involvement
9 commission.

10 (b) A young person recommended by the commission may be appointed
11 to city boards or commissions with special qualifications for member-
12 ship if the proposed nominee, except for his age, meets the required
13 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 council when required by law. No additional seat on a
18 city board or commission is created by virtue of secs. 20 - 25 of this
19 chapter.

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

21 ARTICLE 3. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE
22 IN SCHOOL GOVERNANCE.

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

26 Sec. 14.14.301. COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN. The committee may
27 consist of not more than nine members, drawn from the 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 board in the manner prescribed by the board without regard
4 to political affiliation and shall serve at the pleasure of that body.
5 One member shall be designated by the board as chairman of the
6 committee.

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

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

20 (b) Recommendations of the committee shall be limited to young
21 people who

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

24 (2) will have attained the age of 17 but not the age of
25 22 before the beginning of their service.

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

28 Sec. 14.14.304. INTERNS. An intern may be appointed to serve
29 on the staff of the board or the district administrator for a period

1 of time prescribed by the board, with a maximum of one year. He may
2 be assigned responsibilities in any office, department or agency of
3 the district. Service will begin at a time prescribed by the board.
4 Interns shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation.
5 Salaries shall be individually established by the board on the basis of
6 prior experience and the responsibilities of the position to which the
7 intern is assigned.

8 Sec. 14.14.305. APPOINTMENT TO DISTRICT COMMITTEES OR OTHER
9 ADVISORY BODIES. (a) Notwithstanding AS 39.05.100 or a provision of
10 law relating to age, the board may appoint any 17 through 21 year old
11 district resident to a district committee or advisory body if recom-
12 mended by the youth involvement committee.

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

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

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

24 (1) "board" means the governing body of a borough or city
25 school district, or the Board of Directors for the State-Operated
26 Schools;

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

29 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and

1 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.

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