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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 594

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska American Revolution  
7 Bicentennial Commission; and providing for an  
8 effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. The Alaska American Revolution Bicentennial Commission is  
11 established in the Office of the Governor.

12 \* Sec. 2. The commission consists of the director of the Alaska travel  
13 division, the director of the state museum and seven additional members  
14 appointed by the governor. The commission shall select a chairman from its  
15 membership. Terms of all members end on December 31, 1976.

16 \* Sec. 3. Members of the commission serve without compensation but are  
17 entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards  
18 and commissions.

19 \* Sec. 4. The Alaska American Revolution Bicentennial Commission shall  
20 prepare an overall program for commemorating the bicentennial of the  
21 American Revolution in Alaska and shall plan, encourage, develop and  
22 coordinate observances and activities commemorating the historic events  
23 that preceded and are associated with the American Revolution. In carrying  
24 out these responsibilities the commission may

25 (1) consider related plans and programs developed by the National  
26 American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and local and private groups,  
27 and it may designate special committees with representatives from these  
28 groups to plan, develop and coordinate specific activities;

29 (2) give emphasis in its planning to the ideas associated with

1 the American Revolution which have been important to the development of the  
2 United States and Alaska in world affairs and in mankind's quest for  
3 freedom;

4 (3) consult, cooperate with and seek advice from appropriate  
5 state departments, the University of Alaska, local public bodies, learned  
6 societies, and historical, patriotic, philanthropic, civic, professional  
7 and related organizations;

8 (4) determine if there are sites in the state which are  
9 appropriate for preservation or development in commemoration of the  
10 American Revolution so that suitable observances and exhibits may be held  
11 at the sites during the bicentennial celebration;

12 (5) accept donations of money, property or personal services.

13 \* Sec. 5. (a) Not later than January 1, 1974 the commission shall  
14 submit to the governor a comprehensive report incorporating its specific  
15 recommendations for the commemoration of the American Revolution and  
16 related events. The report may recommend activities including, but not  
17 limited to

18 (1) the production, publication and distribution of books,  
19 pamphlets, films and other educational materials on the history, culture  
20 and political thought of the period of the American Revolution;

21 (2) bibliographical and documentary projects and publications;

22 (3) conferences, convocations, lectures, seminars and other  
23 programs;

24 (4) the development of libraries, museums, historic sites and  
25 exhibits, including mobile exhibits;

26 (5) ceremonies and celebrations commemorating specific events;

27 (6) the issuance of commemorative medals, seals, automobile  
28 license plates and certificates of recognition.

29 (b) The report of the commission shall include recommendations for

1 the allocation of financial and administrative responsibility among the  
2 public and private organizations recommended for participation by the  
3 commission. The report shall also include proposals for legislation and  
4 administrative action the commission considers necessary to carry out its  
5 recommendations. The governor shall transmit the report to the legisla-  
6 ture with any comments and recommendations for legislation.

7 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and  
8 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.  
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