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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 650

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Criminal Law Revision Commission."

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

8 * Section 1. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to create an entity
9 composed of knowledgeable persons in the field of criminal law whose task
10 is to review existing criminal law and annually submit recommendations for
11 needed changes to the legislature.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

13 ARTICLE 9G. CRIMINAL LAW REVISION COMMISSION.

14 Sec. 44.19.789. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the
15 Office of the Governor the Criminal Law Revision Commission.

16 Sec. 44.19.791. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION. The commission is
17 composed of seven members, one member to be appointed by the governor
18 from a list of two recommendations submitted by each of the following
19 persons or associations: the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar
20 Association, the chief justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, the attorney
21 general, the public defender, the president of the state senate, the
22 speaker of the state house of representatives, the commissioner of
23 public safety, and the Alaska Peace Officers Association. The term
24 of office of each member shall be two years; however, the members
25 initially appointed shall be given terms of office of one, two, three,
26 four, five, six and seven years respectively. All vacancies shall be
27 filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as
28 original appointments.

29 Sec. 44.19.793. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at least

1 once every six months, and at such other times as it considers neces-
2 sary.

3 Sec. 44.19.795. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the
4 commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem
5 and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

6 Sec. 44.19.797. FUNCTION. The commission shall

7 (1) compile and review studies, cases, articles, reports,
8 and other writings relating to criminal law contained in journals,
9 treatises, and other publications to assure that the necessary back-
10 ground for a proper analysis of penal law is absorbed and accumulated;

11 (2) engage in a comprehensive review and analysis of the
12 state criminal laws, comparing them with those of other states, with
13 the view of recommending necessary changes so that an enlightened
14 body of criminal law is continuously maintained in the state.

15 Sec. 44.19.799. REPORT. The commission shall submit a report to
16 the legislature within five days of the convening of each annual legis-
17 lative session, with detailed recommendations as to necessary revision
18 of the state criminal law.
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