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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 718

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 Commission on the Conference of
7 the Law of the Sea."

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

9 * Section 1. INTENT. It is the intent of this Act to establish a commis-
10 sion for the development of a state policy on resources in the coastal marine
11 environment vital to Alaska, international fishery rights, and the law of the
12 sea as it relates to both. In implementing this policy it is intended that
13 efforts be made to assure that Alaskan interests be represented at all Law of
14 the Sea Conferences, and that before any Conference, the policies formulated
15 be coordinated with Canada and other interested coastal states.

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

17 ARTICLE 9G.

18 Sec. 44.19.789. CREATION. There is created in the Office of the
19 Governor the Commission on the Conference of the Law of the Sea.

20 Sec. 44.19.791. COMPOSITION. The Commission on the Conference
21 of the Law of the Sea is composed of the following persons:

22 (1) a member of the House of Representatives appointed by
23 the Speaker of the House;

24 (2) a member of the Senate appointed by the President of the
25 Senate;

26 (3) the director of international fisheries to serve as
27 executive secretary of the commission;

28 (4) four members to be appointed by the governor.

29 Sec. 44.19.793. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP AND COMPENSATION. (a) The

1 term of office of each elected member of the commission does not survive
2 his resignation or removal. Appointed members serve for overlapping
3 six-year terms. The first members appointed serve as follows: one
4 member for one year, two members for two years, and two members for
5 four years.

6 (b) Members receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and
7 travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

8 Sec. 44.19.795. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at least
9 twice a year, and shall submit a written report to the legislature on
10 February 1 of each year.

11 Sec. 44.19.797. DUTIES. The duties of the Commission on the
12 Conference of the Law of the Sea include, but are not limited to,

13 (1) gathering, analyzing, and compiling basic data on
14 resources found in the sea or in the seabed off the coast of Alaska;

15 (2) developing a state position on

16 (A) the management, harvest or utilization, and con-
17 servation of the various resources in the marine environment vital
18 to Alaska, including but not limited to, minerals, oil and gas,
19 and fish and shellfish; and

20 (B) the extent of the maximum limits of jurisdiction,
21 including the territorial limits, most appropriate for the state;

22 (3) actively working to assure that adequate and fair
23 representation is given to Alaska in the Conference on the Law of the
24 Sea in 1973, and at all subsequent conferences, and that permanent
25 conference advisors from Alaska are appointed by the U.S. State Depart-
26 ment.

27 Sec. 44.19.799. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission may

28 (1) employ necessary personnel, including an executive
29 director;

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(2) hold hearings throughout the state to collect data related to its duties in sec. 797 of this chapter;

(3) solicit and obtain the services of other state departments and agencies in collecting and compiling data necessary to carry out its duties under sec. 797 of this chapter;

(4) seek the cooperation of and enter into agreements with other coastal states for the wise development and conservation of marine resources;

(5) receive and expend grants and appropriations from private and governmental sources for the purpose of carrying out its duties under sec. 797 of this chapter.