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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 816

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 Academy of Science  
7 and Engineering."

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

9 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that there is  
10 a need in the state for

11 (1) orderly communication of research and scientific information  
12 among the departments and agencies of the state government, and between  
13 the state and the departments and programs of the federal government operating  
14 in Alaska;

15 (2) a mechanism for prompt utilization of current and eminent  
16 authorities and consultants in various specialized fields at minimum cost  
17 and maximum advantage to the state;

18 (3) broadscale scientific and research advisory service available  
19 to both executive and legislative officers of state government; and

20 (4) a mechanism for coordination of scientific research and data  
21 collection activities and for the clear and unbiased expression of scientific  
22 facts and data.

23 \* Sec. 2. AS 44 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

24 CHAPTER 58. ALASKA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.

25 Sec. 44.58.010. ALASKA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING. The  
26 Alaska Academy of Science and Engineering is a public corporation of  
27 the state. The corporation is an instrumentality of the state within  
28 the Office of the Governor, but has a legal existence independent of  
29 and separate from the state.

1           Sec. 44.58.020. MEMBERSHIP. (a) Membership in the academy  
2 consists of one representative from each nationally organized scientific  
3 and professional organization with a local unit organized in the state  
4 having nonprofit tax status under the federal Internal Revenue Code.  
5 Each organization shall nominate as its representative a person of  
6 acknowledged excellence in his scientific or professional field. After  
7 organization of the initial assembly members, persons duly nominated  
8 for membership would be seated by the assembly in official annual  
session.

11           (b) In addition to the membership in (a) of this section, each  
12 department of the state and each department of the federal government  
13 operating in the state is entitled to one scientific or professional  
14 representative with ex officio membership in the academy, with the  
15 privilege of the floor but without vote.

16           Sec. 44.58.030. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP. The term of membership in  
17 the academy is two years, except that of the initial membership one-  
18 half shall be nominated for one-year terms and one-half for two-year  
19 terms.

20           Sec. 44.58.040. MANAGEMENT OF ACADEMY. Management of the  
21 academy shall be by an 11-member executive board elected by the member-  
22 ship, and an executive director appointed by the executive board with  
23 the approval of the governor. The executive director shall also  
24 serve as scientific advisor to the governor.

25           Sec. 44.58.050. COMPENSATION. Members of the academy shall not  
26 receive compensation for their services, but members, while on official  
27 business of the academy authorized by the executive board, may receive  
28 per diem and travel expenses.

29           Sec. 44.58.060. DUTIES OF ACADEMY. The academy shall

(1) advise and recommend plans, programs, observations,

1 courses of action and suggested policy for consideration by implemen-  
2 ting agencies of the state government;

3 (2) serve as an agency for coordination of common interests  
4 in data collection, research and development;

5 (3) serve as the agency of the state for receipt of private,  
6 local, state and federal funds designated for development of inter-  
7 agency studies for development of human and natural resources;

8 (4) serve as a mechanism for resolution of conflicts in  
9 research, investigative and policy needs among the private and public  
10 research agencies in the state;

11 (5) provide a mechanism for exchange of research related  
12 information, data and findings among executive agencies of the state and  
13 public and private research and investigative agencies.

14 Sec. 44.58.070. POWERS OF ACADEMY. Within the limit of funds  
15 available, the academy is authorized to hold public and private hearings,  
16 to employ necessary personnel; to enter into contracts with individuals;  
17 organizations and institutions for services furthering the objectives  
18 of the academy; to request and receive from any department, division,  
19 board, commission, or agency of the state the assistance and data  
20 which will enable it properly to carry out the powers and duties of  
21 the academy; and to do and perform any other acts necessary and proper  
22 to carry out its purposes.

23 Sec. 44.58.080. EXPENSES. Expenses of operating the academy  
24 shall be included in the appropriations made to the Office of the Governor.

25 Sec. 44.58.090. GRANTS AND OTHER AID. The academy may apply for  
26 and receive from the federal government, its agencies, or from other  
27 public or private sources, gifts, grants and other aids available  
28 for its purposes. The academy may use a gift, grant or other aid  
29 subject to reasonable limitations imposed by the grantor.

1           Sec. 44.58.100. REPORTS. The academy shall make an annual  
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