

1 IN THE SENATE

BY RAY

2 SENATE BILL NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Police Standards
7 Council."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.65 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 2. ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL.

11 Sec. 18.65.130. CREATION. There is created in the Office of the
12 Governor the Alaska Police Standards Council.

13 Sec. 18.65.140. POLICY. The administration of criminal justice
14 affects the health, safety and welfare of the people of this state,
15 and requires education and training of a professional character. It
16 is in the public interest that education and training be made available
17 to persons seeking to become police officers, police officers who are
18 serving in a temporary or probationary capacity, and police officers
19 already in regular service.

20 Sec. 18.65.150. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. The council consists of
21 the following persons:

- 22 (1) three chief administrative officers of local government
23 police forces;
- 24 (2) two officials of local government who have general
25 executive or administrative responsibilities;
- 26 (3) the commissioner of public safety;
- 27 (4) one representative of higher education;
- 28 (5) one representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- 29 (6) the attorney general.

1 Sec. 18.65.160. POWERS. The council shall have the power to

2 (1) promulgate regulations for the administration of secs.
3 130 - 260 of this chapter; including the authority to require the sub-
4 mission of reports and information by police departments in the state;

5 (2) establish minimum educational and training standards
6 for employment as a police officer in permanent, temporary, or proba-
7 tionary positions and certify persons to be qualified as police officers
8 under secs. 130 - 260 of this chapter;

9 (3) establish minimum curriculum requirements for preparatory,
10 in-service and advanced courses and programs for schools operated by or
11 for the state or a political subdivision of the state for the specific
12 purpose of training police recruits or police officers;

13 (4) consult and cooperate with boroughs, municipalities,
14 agencies of the state, other governmental agencies, universities,
15 colleges, and other institutions concerning the development of police
16 training schools and programs of instruction;

17 (5) approve institutions and facilities for schools for
18 the purpose of training police officers and police recruits;

19 (6) enter into contracts and conduct studies of any aspect
20 of police administration and stimulate research designed to improve
21 police administration and law enforcement;

22 (7) employ a director and other necessary personnel;

23 (8) make periodic determinations as to whether governmental
24 units are complying with secs. 130 - 260 of this chapter;

25 (9) adopt bylaws for its internal management and control.

26 Sec. 18.65.170. STANDARDS. (a) No person may be appointed as a
27 police officer, except on a temporary or probationary basis, unless
28 the person has satisfactorily completed a preparatory program of police
29 training at a school approved by the council.

1 (b) In addition to the requirement of (a) of this section, the
2 council shall fix other qualifications for the employment of police
3 officers, including minimum age, education, physical and mental
4 standards, citizenship, good moral character, and experience. The
5 council shall prescribe the means of presenting evidence of fulfillment
6 of these requirements.

7 (c) A permanently appointed police officer is not required to
8 meet the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section as a condition of
9 tenure to continued employment. A permanently appointed police officer
10 who fails to fulfill the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section
11 is not ineligible for a promotional examination if he is otherwise
12 eligible to take it.

13 (d) The council shall issue a certificate evidencing satisfaction
14 of the requirements of this section to an applicant who satisfactorily
15 completes a program or course of instruction in another jurisdiction
16 equivalent in content and quality to that required by the council for
17 approved police education and training programs in this state.

18 Sec. 18.65.180. POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMS. (a) The council shall
19 establish and maintain police training programs through such agencies
20 and institutions as the council considers appropriate.

21 (b) The council may authorize the partial or complete reimburse-
22 ment, to each political subdivision and to the state, of the salary and
23 allowable tuition, living, and travel expenses incurred by the officers
24 in attending approved training programs, provided that the political
25 subdivisions or state agencies adhere to the selection and training
26 standards established by the council.

27 Sec. 18.65.190. APPOINTMENT. The attorney general and the
28 commissioner of public safety shall serve during their continuance in
29 office. Other members of the council shall be appointed by the governor

1 for terms of four years, except that no member may serve beyond the
2 time he holds the office which made him initially eligible for appoint-
3 ment. The terms of members initially appointed to the council by the
4 governor shall be: one for one year, two for two years, two for three
5 years, and two for four years. The governor shall designate which of
6 the terms are for one, two, three and four years. A vacancy on the
7 council for the remainder of a member's unexpired term shall be filled
8 in the same manner as the original appointment.

9 Sec. 18.65.200. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN. The governor annu-
10 ally shall designate the chairman, and the council annually shall se-
11 lect its vice chairman. The chairman and vice chairman shall be
12 designated from the members of the council.

13 Sec. 18.65.210. MEMBERSHIP IN ANOTHER OFFICE. Membership on the
14 council does not disqualify a member from holding any other public
15 office or employment.

16 Sec. 18.65.220. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. The members of the
17 council receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and travel
18 expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

19 Sec. 18.65.230. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least twice
20 a year. The chairman shall fix the time and place of the meeting,
21 either on his own motion or on written request by any three members
22 of the council.

23 Sec. 18.65.240. GRANTS. (a) The council may accept donations
24 of property, both real and personal, and grants of money from a govern-
25 mental unit or public agency, or from an institution, person, firm, or
26 corporation. An arrangement made under this section shall be detailed
27 in the annual report of the council. The report shall include the
28 identity of the donor, the nature of the transaction, and the conditions,
29 if any. All money received by the council under this section shall be

1 deposited in the state treasury to the account of the council.

2 (b) The council shall provide for the administration of the
3 grant program authorized in (a) of this section. In the administra-
4 tion of the program the council shall promote the most efficient and
5 economical program for police training, including the maximum utiliza-
6 tion of existing facilities and programs to avoid duplication.

7 Sec. 18.65.250. REPORTS. The council shall make an annual report
8 to the governor and the legislature, and may make other reports it
9 considers necessary.

10 Sec. 18.65.260. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 130 - 260 of this chapter

11 (1) "council" means the Alaska Police Standards Council;

12 (2) "police officer" means a full-time employee of a
13 police department which is a part of, or administered by, the state or
14 a political subdivision of the state and who is responsible for the
15 prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal,
16 traffic or highway laws of this state.