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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO 215

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating Regional Native Housing Authorities;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.55 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 5. REGIONAL NATIVE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

11 Sec. 18.55.995. PURPOSE AND INTENT. The legislature finds that
12 an acute shortage of housing and related facilities exists in the
13 villages of Alaska and that adequate housing cannot be provided by the
14 private sector due to the economic depression which exists in most
15 villages of Alaska. It is the purpose and intent of the legislature
16 to provide a means for certain Native associations to form public
17 corporations with the powers and duties comparable to the Alaska State
18 Housing Authority for the specific purpose of implementing the
19 President's National Indian Program for Indian Housing, under which
20 the State of Alaska share initially will be 1,200 new homes in 1972,
21 and the remote housing program.

22 Sec. 18.55.996. CREATION OF AUTHORITIES. (a) The following
23 associations are given the authority specified in (b) of this section:

- 24 (1) Arctic Slope Native Association (Barrow and Point Hope)
- 25 (2) Bering Straits Association (Seward Peninsula, Unalakleet,
26 St. Lawrence Island)
- 27 (3) Northwest Alaska Native Association (Kotzebue)
- 28 (4) Association of Village Council Presidents (southwest
29 coast of Alaska including all villages in the Bethel area and all

1 villages on the Lower Yukon River and Lower Kuskokwim River)

2 (5) Tanana Chiefs Conference (Koyukuk, the middle and upper
3 Yukon River villages and the upper Kuskokwim and Tanana River villages)

4 (6) Cook Inlet Association (Kenai, Tyonek, Ektutna and
5 Iliamna)

6 (7) Bristol Bay Native Association (Dillingham, Upper Alaska
7 Peninsula)

8 (8) Aleut League (Aleutian Islands, Pribiloff Islands and
9 that part of the Alaska Peninsula which is in the Aleut League)

10 (9) Chugach Native Association (Cordova, Tatitlek, Port
11 Graham, English Bay, Valdez and Seward)

12 (10) Thlingit Haida Central Council (Southeastern Alaska
13 including Metlakatla)

14 (11) Kodiak Area Native Association (all villages on and
15 around Kodiak Island)

16 (12) Copper River Native Association (Copper Center, Glenn-
17 allen, Chitina and Mentasta)

18 (13) Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.

19 (b) There is created with respect to each of the associations
20 named in (a) of this section a public body corporate and politic to
21 function in the operating area of the individual associations to be
22 known as the regional housing authority of the associations which are
23 agencies of the state possessing all powers, rights and functions now
24 or subsequently specified for the Alaska State Housing Authority, under
25 the Alaska State Housing Authority Act (secs. 10 - 290 of this chapter)
26 except those specified with respect to the construction and acquisition
27 of public buildings for lease to the state or any subsequently speci-
28 fied authority which is inconsistent with sec. 995 of this chapter.

29 (c) A housing authority created by this section may not transact

1 business or exercise powers granted to it until the governing body of
2 the named association has, by proper resolution, declared that there is
3 a need for the authority to function, gives it the authority to function
4 and has named its commissioners as provided under (d) of this section.

5 (d) The governing body of the association in question shall,
6 after determining that they wish to have a regional Native housing
7 authority, appoint five persons to serve as the board of commissioners
8 of the authority. The term of office of each member is for three years
9 except that of the commissioners first appointed, one shall serve for
10 a term of one year and two shall serve for a term of two years. Vacan-
11 cies shall be filled by the governing body of the association in
12 question.

13 (e) Questions arising as to jurisdiction and boundary disputes as
14 a result of the jurisdictional lines set out by (a) of this section
15 shall be resolved by the governing board of the Alaska Federation of
16 Natives.

17 Sec. 18.55.997. CONSTRUCTION. Secs. 995 and 996 of this chapter
18 do not relieve the Alaska State Housing Authority of its responsibility
19 for its present programs or for its financial obligations under these
20 programs.

21 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1971.
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