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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 215
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
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6 A BILL

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

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

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

11 ARTICLE 5. REGIONAL NATIVE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

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

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

- 25 (1) Arctic Slope Native Association (Barrow and Point Hope)
26 (2) Bering Straits Association (Seward Peninsula, Unalakleet,
27 St. Lawrence Island)
28 (3) Northwest Alaska Native Association (Kotzebue)
29 (4) Association of Village Council Presidents (southwest
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, Eklutna and
5 Illiamna)

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) Tlingit-Haida Central Council or Alaska Native Brother-
13 hood (Southeastern Alaska 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 possessing
23 all powers, rights and functions now or subsequently specified for
24 the Alaska State Housing Authority, under the Alaska State Housing
25 Authority Act (secs. 10 - 290 of this chapter) except those specified
26 with respect to the construction and acquisition of public buildings
27 for lease to the state or any subsequently specified authority which is
28 inconsistent with sec. 995 of this chapter. All obligations or
29 liabilities of the regional housing authorities shall remain their own

1 and shall not be obligations or liabilities of the state.

2 (c) A housing authority created by this section may not transact
3 business or exercise powers granted to it until the governing body of
4 the named association has, by proper resolution, declared that there is
5 a need for the authority to function, gives it the authority to function
6 and has named its commissioners as provided under (d) of this section.

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

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

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