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2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 325

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Capital Location Advisory Com-  
7 mission; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. CREATION. The Capital Location Advisory Commission is  
10 created in the Office of the Governor.

11 \* Sec. 2. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION. The commission consists of nine  
12 members. Three members shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the  
13 senate, three members shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the  
14 house of representatives, and three members shall be appointed by the gover-  
15 nor. Members shall be appointed on a nonpartisan basis, with a view to  
16 giving representation to the various geographic areas of the state. Each  
17 presiding officer of the legislature shall appoint one member from each of  
18 the geographic areas referred to in sec. 5(1) of this Act. Members of the  
19 commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman.

20 \* Sec. 3. COMPENSATION OF THE COMMISSION. Members of the commission serve  
21 without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses autho-  
22 rized by law for other boards and commissions.

23 \* Sec. 4. PURPOSE. The purpose of the commission is to study and evalu-  
24 ate the advantages and disadvantages of the present location of the state  
25 capital and the advantages and disadvantages of at least two possible alter-  
26 native locations, and make recommendations to the legislature.

27 \* Sec. 5. POWERS AND DUTIES. The commission shall

28 (1) secure and study all information available relating to  
29 advantages and disadvantages of

1 (A) retaining the state capital at its present location in  
2 Juneau, including the total investment of the state in the present  
3 location, the amount of additional investment necessary in the future  
4 to accommodate the anticipated growth of the state; the transportation  
5 and social costs borne by the state and by members of the state govern-  
6 ment as the result of the location of the capital in Juneau; the loss  
7 to public and private property owners in Juneau; the moving and dis-  
8 location expense to state employees located in Juneau; and the cost to  
9 the state in reparations and damage payments and moving expenses for  
10 facilities and personnel;

11 (B) relocating the capital north of the parallel of latitude  
12 64 degrees north, with a detailed study and evaluation of at least one  
13 possible site within that area and a projection of the cost to the  
14 state, including the cost of the development and payment for municipal  
15 services; and

16 (C) relocation of the capital to a different location south  
17 of the parallel of latitude 64 degrees north, with a detailed study and  
18 evaluation of at least one site within that area and a projection of  
19 the cost to the state, including the cost of development and payment  
20 for municipal services;

21 (2) employ sufficient personnel to carry out the provisions of  
22 secs. 1 - 5 of this Act, including experts knowledgeable in the following  
23 fields:

- 24 (A) architecture or civil engineering;
- 25 (B) economics or urban economics;
- 26 (C) environmental science;
- 27 (D) finance or accounting;
- 28 (E) land use planning or urban planning; and
- 29 (F) transportation.

1 (3) make an initial report to the legislature within 20 days of  
2 the convening of the second session of the eighth legislature, setting out  
3 its evaluation of the present capital location and at least one site in each  
4 of the two alternative areas, and the commission's recommendation, including  
5 recommendations relating to the various methods of financing any proposed  
6 relocation.

7 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval  
8 or on the day it becomes law without approval.  
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