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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 776

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the state board of parole."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 33.15.010 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 33.15.010. STATE BOARD OF PAROLE. There is in the depart-
10 ment a board of parole consisting of five members to be appointed by
11 the governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Parole Advisory
12 Committee, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the
13 legislature in joint session. [ONE OF THE MEMBERS, WHO SHALL BE CHAIR-
14 MAN OF THE BOARD, SHALL BE A PERSON WITH TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE IN THE
15 FIELD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE, AND HE MAY BE AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE
16 OF THE DEPARTMENT BUT MAY NOT BE AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE
17 DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS]. The term of each of the [OTHER FOUR] members
18 of the board is four years and until his successor is appointed and
19 qualifies. Successors are appointed in the same manner as provided
20 for the board members first appointed. A vacancy shall be filled for
21 the unexpired term. Members may be removed for cause only, including
22 but not limited to incompetence, neglect of duty, or misconduct in of-
23 fice.

24 * Sec. 2. AS 35.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 Sec. 33.15.017. PAROLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The governor
26 shall appoint an advisory committee to the Board of Parole for the
27 purpose of choosing nominees to the Board of Parole. The advisory
28 committee shall consist of seven members. One of the members shall be
29 from the judiciary; one shall have a background in law enforcement; one

1 shall have a background in the field of corrections; and four shall
2 be lay members from the general public. When possible, lay members
3 shall represent a variety of socio-economic and racial groups.

4 (b) The advisory committee shall nominate no less than three per-
5 sons for each vacancy on the board, from which the governor shall
6 select one to serve. Nominees to the board shall have had professional
7 experience and training in one or more of the following fields, before
8 nomination: criminology, education, psychology, psychiatry, law, or
9 sociology.

10 * Sec. 3. AS 33.15.020 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

11 Sec. 33.15.020. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Members of the board
12 shall serve full time, and shall receive a salary of \$27,500 annually,
13 payable monthly in twelve equal installments.

14 * Sec. 4. AS 33.15.100 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 33.15.100. ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS [RULES] AND HOLDING OF
16 MEETINGS. The board shall adopt regulations [RULES] which it considers
17 necessary or proper with respect to the eligibility of prisoners for
18 parole, the conduct of parole hearings, and conditions of release to
19 be imposed on parolees. In addition, the board shall study and evaluate
20 correction facilities and make recommendations to the department for
21 their modification and improvement. [THE BOARD SHALL MEET AS OFTEN AS
22 IT FINDS NECESSARY, BUT IT SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR.] Three
23 members constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.
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