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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 SENATE BILL NO. 216

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Capital Site Selection Com-
7 mittee; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.06.110 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 44.06.110. CREATION AND APPOINTMENT OF SITE SELECTION COM-
11 MITTEE. There is created within the Office of the Governor the Capital
12 Site Selection Committee, but the committee is independent of and has an
13 existence separate and apart from the Office of the Governor. Within 60
14 days following December 11, 1974, the governor shall appoint a nine-
15 member capital selection committee composed of one member from the
16 northwest district, two members from the southeast district, two members
17 from the central district and three members from the southcentral dis-
18 trict, who shall be appointed on a nonpartisan basis. The commissioner
19 of natural resources shall be the ninth member of the committee. The
20 members shall select a chairman from their membership. The legislature
21 shall provide funding as required for the site selection committee. The
22 Office of the Governor, in conjunction with the Department of Adminis-
23 tration, shall act as the administrative agency for the committee but
24 has no power to advise the committee how funds that may be appropriated
25 to it may be obligated, nor to question vouchers submitted by the com-
26 mittee for payment. The committee shall, however, make periodic reports
27 to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee as may be requested.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 44.06.130 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 44.06.130. SELECTION OF POTENTIAL SITES. The capital selec-

1 tion committee shall, within 12 months of December 11, 1974, select not
2 more than three potential capital sites. None of these sites may be
3 within a radius of 30 miles of the City of Anchorage or Fairbanks. Each
4 site shall consist of not less than 100 square miles of land that is
5 owned by or may be acquired by the state at no charge to the state.
6 This land shall be contiguous but not necessarily in a rectangular
7 block. Each location shall be immediately classified as "reserved use
8 land" by the division of lands. Each location shall be selected with
9 due regard to its accessibility by road, railroad, 24 hour airline
10 service, and terrain necessary for airport construction. In addition,
11 the committee shall take into consideration in selecting each location
12 the projected cost of construction of the basic public and private
13 facilities which will be required and the impact, both economic and
14 social, on the affected areas of the state.

15 * Sec. 3. AS 44.06.150 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 44.06.150. CHOICE OF SITE BY VOTERS. The qualified voters of
17 Alaska are entitled to vote for any one of the alternate capital sites
18 selected by the capital selection committee at the next general election
19 after conclusion of the public hearings. The site receiving 51 per cent
20 of the votes cast [THE GREATER NUMBER OF VOTES] shall be the site of the
21 new capital city. If none of the sites receives 51 per cent of the
22 votes cast, there shall be another election held within 90 days to
23 determine the capital site as between the two sites receiving the
24 highest number of votes in the first election.

25 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
26 070(c).