

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL NO. 248

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Growth Policy Council."

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

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* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 44.19.895. ALASKA GROWTH POLICY COUNCIL. (a) The Alaska

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Growth Policy Council is created within the division of policy develop-

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ment and planning. The council shall be composed of no more than 12

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members who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor.

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The members of the council must be individuals reflecting a wide range

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of viewpoints and who have strongly indicated a dedication to public

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interests. The members receive no salary for their service on the

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council but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized

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by law for boards and commissions.

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(b) The members of the council serve for staggered terms of three

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years each. However, the initial appointees shall be divided as

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equally as possible into three groups. Seats of the members of the

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first group shall be vacated at the expiration of the first year, the

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second group at the expiration of the second year, and the third group

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at the expiration of the third year, so that approximately one-third

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may be chosen each year.

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(c) The lieutenant governor shall be chairman of the council and

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shall vote only in the event of a tie. He may designate a vice-

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chairman who shall preside in case of the lieutenant governor's absence

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from meetings. The vice-chairman need not be a member of the council.

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The director of the division of policy development and planning shall

1 be executive director of the council and may not vote. The chairman,
2 vice-chairman if not a council member, and the executive director are
3 not entitled to receive additional compensation other than per diem
4 and travel expenses incurred on council business.

5 (d) Scheduled meetings may be of the full council or of sub-
6 committees.

7 (e) The council shall help develop a definition of critical
8 problems affecting the development and growth of Alaska by

9 (1) examining the implications of processes such as popula-
10 tion growth, community change, rural development, economic maturation,
11 national and international influences, changing life styles, environ-
12 mental quality and others;

13 (2) providing policy, program and other recommendations to
14 the governor;

15 (3) providing a stimulus to citizen, citizen-group, legis-
16 lative, agency, or other input to the state government in the areas of
17 council study; and

18 (4) producing at least one report annually detailing the
19 findings, recommendations, and areas of study of the council.
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