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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 665

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Code Revision Commission; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 *Section 1. AS 24.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 24.20.075. ALASKA CODE COMMISSION. (a) There is within the
11 Legislative Affairs Agency the Code Revision Commission staffed by the
12 agency and financed by funds appropriated by the legislature.

13 (b) The commission consists of four legislators, two from each
14 house, appointed by the presiding officer; four public members appointed
15 by the governor for overlapping four-year terms; a designee of the chief
16 justice of the supreme court; and a designee of the Alaska Bar Associa-
17 tion. Members serve at the pleasure of the presiding officer, and
18 appointed members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.
19 The director of legal services for the Legislative Affairs Agency, or
20 his designee, serves as executive secretary for the commission. Members
21 receive the standard per diem for board members, or the regular legisla-
22 tive per diem if they are legislators, for days spent on commission
23 business. The commission selects its chairman and vice-chairman.

24 (c) It is the responsibility of the commission to report annually,
25 and on special occasions as determined by it, to the legislature and to
26 the governor. The report may include the findings and recommendations
27 of the commission and draft legislation resulting from

28 (1) examination of the statutes of the state and judicial
29 decisions to discover defects and anachronisms in the law suggesting the

1 need for reform;

2 (2) consideration and review of proposed changes in the law
3 recommended by the National Law Institute, the National Conference of
4 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, bar associations, and learned
5 bodies;

6 (3) receipt of suggestions from the Alaska bench and bar,
7 public officials, organizations, and individuals as to areas of law
8 needing review and remedy;

9 (4) consideration of changes in law needed to modify or
10 eliminate antiquated and inequitable rules of law and to bring the law
11 into harmony with current needs and conditions.

12 (d) The commission is empowered to call upon the agencies of all
13 branches of state government for information and documents needed in the
14 accomplishment of its work.

15 (e) The commission shall make a formal request each year in
16 December to the legislative council for funds it considers necessary for
17 the per diem, travel, and contractual expenses of the commission. Funds
18 appropriated to the commission are to be disbursed and accounted for
19 under procedures required by the Legislative Affairs Agency. The
20 commission chairman shall sign all expenditure documents.

21 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.
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