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2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 303 (Jim.)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Alaska Commission on the Status of
7 Women."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 110. ALASKA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

11 Sec. 18.110.010. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the
12 Office of the Governor the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.

13 Sec. 18.110.020. COMPOSITION. The commission consists of nine
14 members who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

15 Sec. 18.110.030. APPOINTMENT. (a) The members shall be appointed
16 on a nonpartisan basis by the governor within 60 days of the effective
17 date of this Act. The members shall be residents of the state. In
18 making the appointments, due consideration shall be given to

19 (1) the recommendations made by civic organizations, women's
20 organizations, educational and vocational groups, employer groups, labor
21 unions, church groups, and other groups having an interest in the status
22 of women;

23 (2) statewide geographical representation of the commission;
24 and

25 (3) minority and low-income representation.

26 (b) The commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson
27 and may select other commission officers as it considers necessary.

28 Sec. 18.110.040. MEETINGS. Within 60 days after the appointment
29 of all the members of the commission, the governor shall call the first

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1 meeting of the commission. A majority of the members constitutes a
2 quorum for conducting business and exercising the powers of the commis-
3 sion. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson, at the
4 request of a majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time
5 as determined by a majority of the members.

6 Sec. 18.110.050. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office of each
7 member is three years, except that of the members first appointed, three
8 shall serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three
9 years. A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term
10 in the same manner as original appointments.

11 Sec. 18.110.060. COMPENSATION. Members of the commission receive
12 no compensation for their services but are entitled to per diem and
13 travel allowances authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

14 Sec. 18.110.070. PURPOSE. The purpose of the commission is to
15 further the improvement of the status of women in Alaska by conducting
16 research on issues relating to the status of women, publishing the re-
17 sults of the research, and using other methods, such as public hearings,
18 conferences, and seminars, to inform the public and to assist women in
19 improving the collective, as well as the individual status of women
20 throughout the state.

21 Sec. 18.110.080. POWERS AND DUTIES. To accomplish its purpose,
22 the commission may

23 (1) hire an executive director and additional administrative
24 staff as may be necessary to the commission's function;

25 (2) act as a clearinghouse for governmental and nongovern-
26 mental information relating to the status of women;

27 (3) cooperate with public and private agencies in joint
28 efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the status of women in
29 Alaska;

1 (4) establish standing committees among the members to inves-
2 tigate and make recommendations on various areas of concern;

3 (5) create task forces composed of commission members and
4 other experts as needed;

5 (6) encourage women to utilize their capabilities and to
6 assume leadership roles.

7 Sec. 18.110.090. ACCESS TO INFORMATION. The commission shall have
8 access to all nonconfidential records, data, information, and statistics
9 of all departments, boards, commissions, agencies, and institutions of
10 the state. This includes but is not limited to access to departmental
11 and agency budgets and affirmative action plans.

12 Sec. 18.110.100. ANNUAL REPORT. Each year the commission shall
13 file a report with the governor and the legislature of its proceedings
14 for the previous calendar year and may submit with the report such
15 recommendations for legislative consideration and other action which it
16 considers necessary.