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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 303

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 and an ex officio member representing the office of the attorney
15 general who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

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

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

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

26 (3) minority and low-income representation.

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

29 Sec. 18.110.040. MEETINGS. Within 60 days after the appointment

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

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

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

15 Sec. 18.110.070. PURPOSE. The purpose of the commission is to
16 implement the recommendations contained in the preliminary study on the
17 status of women in Alaska which was mandated by the Ninth Legislature,
18 Second Session, under House Bill No. 795, and improve the status of
19 women in Alaska by conducting further research and by making and im-
20 plementing additional recommendations on the opportunities, needs,
21 problems, and contributions of women in Alaska including, but not
22 limited to

- 23 (1) education,
- 24 (2) homemaking,
- 25 (3) civil and legal rights,
- 26 (4) labor and employment.

27 Sec. 18.110.080. POWERS AND DUTIES. To accomplish its purpose,
28 the commission may

- 29 (1) hire an executive director and additional administrative

1 staff as may be necessary to the commission's function;

2 (2) act as a clearinghouse and coordinating body for govern-
3 mental and nongovernmental information relating to the status of women;

4 (3) cooperate with public and private agencies in joint
5 efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the status of women in
6 Alaska;

7 (4) accumulate and compile information concerning discrimina-
8 tion against women;

9 (5) disseminate the results of research and compilation of
10 data acquired under (4) of this section by publication and other methods
11 such as public hearings, conferences, and seminars;

12 (6) study and analyze all facts relating to Alaska laws,
13 regulations and guidelines with respect to equal protection for women
14 under the state constitution;

15 (7) recommend legislative and administrative action on equal
16 treatment and opportunities for women;

17 (8) select and retain the services of consultants whose
18 advice is considered necessary to assist the commission in obtaining
19 information;

20 (9) encourage women to utilize their capabilities and to
21 assume leadership roles;

22 (10) establish standing committees among the members to
23 investigate and make recommendations on various areas of concern;

24 (11) create task forces composed of commission members and
25 other experts as needed;

26 (12) accept monetary gifts or grants from the federal govern-
27 ment or an agency of it, from any charitable foundation or professional
28 association or from any other reputable source for implementation of
29 any program necessary or desirable for carrying out the general purposes

1 of the commission.

2 Sec. 18.110.090. ANNUAL REPORT. Each year the commission shall
3 file a report with the governor and the legislature of its proceedings
4 for the previous calendar year and shall submit recommendations for
5 legislative and administrative action. Reports and recommendations
6 required under this section shall be prepared no later than the convening
7 of the legislature.

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