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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 303

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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. At
19 least one member shall be a homemaker who is not otherwise employed. In
20 making the appointments, due consideration shall be given to

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

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

27 (3) minority and low-income representation.

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

1 Sec. 18.110.040. MEETINGS. Within 60 days after the appointment
2 of all the members of the commission, the governor shall call the first
3 meeting of the commission. A majority of the members constitutes a
4 quorum for conducting business and exercising the powers of the commis-
5 sion. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson, at the
6 request of a majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time
7 as determined by a majority of the members.

8 Sec. 18.110.050. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office of each
9 member is five years. Terms shall be staggered. Initial terms shall be
10 three members serving for one year, three members serving for three
11 years, and three members serving for five years. A vacancy shall be
12 filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as
13 original appointments.

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

17 Sec. 18.110.070. PURPOSE. The purpose of the commission is to
18 ~~implement the recommendations contained in the preliminary study on the~~
19 status of women in Alaska which was mandated by the Ninth Legislature,
20 Second Session, under ch. 99 SLA 1976, and improve the status of women
21 in Alaska by conducting further research and by making and implementing
22 additional recommendations on the opportunities, needs, problems, and
23 contributions of women in Alaska including, but not limited to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (10) establish standing committees among the members to in-
24 vestigate and make recommendations on various areas of concern;

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

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

1 program necessary or desirable for carrying out the general purposes of
2 the commission.

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

9 * Sec. 2. The Alaska Commission on the Status of Women created under AS
10 18.110.010 shall terminate on June 30, 1983.