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Referred: Health, Education &  
Social Services and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ANDERSON

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 450

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the regionalization of the Depart-  
7 ment of Health and Social Services; and providing for  
8 an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 44.39 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 44.39.015. DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION. (a) The commissioner  
12 shall establish administrative regions in the state as described in (b)  
13 of this section. The functions of the department within each adminis-  
14 trative region shall be performed, to the maximum extent feasible,  
15 through a regional office located in the following cities: (1) Barrow;  
16 (2) Kotzebue; (3) Nome; (4) Fairbanks; (5) Bethel; (6) Naknek; (7) Sand  
17 Point; (8) Kodiak; (9) Anchorage; (10) Juneau and (11) Ketchikan. Each  
18 regional office shall be directed by a regional health and social  
19 services director appointed by the commissioner.

20 (b) The administrative regions of the department shall be estab-  
21 lished in the following election districts:

22 (1) Arctic Slope Region -- that part of election districts  
23 16 and 17 that are within the boundaries of the North Slope Borough;

24 (2) Kotzebue Region -- that part of election district 17  
25 that is outside the boundaries of the North Slope Borough;

26 (3) Bering Straits Region -- election district 18;

27 (4) Bethel Region -- election districts 14 and 19, and that  
28 part of election district 15 south of 62° north latitude;

29 (5) Bristol Bay Region -- election district 13;

1 (6) Aleutians Region -- election district 12;

2 (7) Kodiak Region -- election district 11;

3 (8) Fairbanks Region -- that part of election district 15  
4 north of 62° north latitude and that part of election district 16 that  
5 is outside the boundaries of the North Slope Borough;

6 (9) Southcentral Region -- election districts 6 - 10;

7 (10) Northern Panhandle Region -- election districts 3 - 5;

8 (11) Southern Panhandle Region -- election districts 1 and 2.

9 (c) The election districts used in (b) of this section are those  
10 designated by the Proclamation of Reapportionment and Redistricting of  
11 December 7, 1961, and retained for the house of representatives by pro-  
12 clamation of the governor, September 3, 1965.

13 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1978.