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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 585

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a local government study com-
7 mission; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION. There is established
10 in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs a temporary local gov-
11 ernment study commission.

12 * Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION. The commission has the following
13 members:

14 (1) the commissioner of community and regional affairs or his
15 designee;

16 (2) the chairman of the senate community and regional affairs
17 committee;

18 (3) the chairman of the house community and regional affairs
19 committee;

20 (4) four municipal officials appointed by the governor, one of
21 whom must be from an organized borough or unified municipality, one from a
22 first-class or home rule city located within an organized borough, and two
23 from cities located within the unorganized borough;

24 (5) two residents of the unorganized borough, outside cities,
25 appointed by the governor.

26 * Sec. 3. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission
27 shall make recommendations to the governor and the legislature concerning
28 the sufficiency of the existing local government structure and measures by
29 which it may be improved, and toward that end, it shall

1 (1) study and evaluate existing and alternative means of local
2 government finance;

3 (2) study and evaluate the differences between governmental
4 services and burdens in organized boroughs and the unorganized borough;

5 (3) study and evaluate the relationships between the state and
6 local governments;

7 (4) study and evaluate existing and alternative local government
8 structures;

9 (5) hold public hearings in organized boroughs, cities and the
10 unorganized borough;

11 (6) after one year of study, submit an interim report to the
12 governor and the legislature;

13 (7) after two years of study, submit a final report with find-
14 ings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature.

15 (b) In exercising its powers and fulfilling its responsibilities, the
16 commission may:

17 (1) establish sub-committees to study each of the subjects set
18 out in (a)(1) through (4) of this section;

19 (2) contract through the Department of Community and Regional
20 Affairs for the professional services it considers necessary to prepare its
21 final report.

22 * Sec. 4. DISSOLUTION OF COMMISSION. After presenting its final re-
23 port, the commission is dissolved.

24 * Sec. 5. STAFF. The Department of Community and Regional Affairs
25 through the division of local government assistance shall provide the staff
26 for the commission.

27 * Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 1978.
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