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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 596

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Code Revision Commission; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 24.20.075 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 Sec. 24.20.075. CODE REVISION COMMISSION. (a) The Code Revision
11 Commission is established as an advisory commission of the legislative
12 council to assist the council in carrying out its continuing statute
13 revision responsibilities for the legislature.

14 (b) The commission consists of three legislators, one from each
15 house, appointed by the presiding officer, and a member of the legis-
16 lative council appointed by the council chairman; the director of legal
17 services and the revisor of statutes of the Legislative Affairs Agency;
18 one designee each of the chief justice of the supreme court, the attor-
19 ney general, and the board of governors of the Alaska Bar Association;
20 and up to two public members selected by the legislative council in
21 recognition of their expertise in a subject area currently being con-
22 sidered by the commission. All members serve at the pleasure of their
23 appointing authority for the duration of the regular legislative bien-
24 nium. When on commission business, government members are entitled to
25 receive the per diem authorized by general law and nongovernment members
26 are entitled to a per diem approved by the legislative council and
27 funded in the commission's budget allocation. The commission selects a
28 chairman and a vice-chairman.

29 (c) The commission shall

1 (1) examine the statutes of the state and judicial decisions
2 to discover defects and anachronisms in the laws;

3 (2) review and consider proposed changes in the law recom-
4 mended by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
5 and other reputable national organizations, the Alaska court system, the
6 state and local bar associations, agencies of state and local govern-
7 ments, legislative committees and individuals;

8 (3) give priority attention to requests of the legislative
9 council made at the direction of the legislature through approval of a
10 concurrent resolution or by motion of the council regarding areas
11 needing attention;

12 (4) submit its annual report to the legislative council by
13 January 15 of each year; special reports may be submitted to the council
14 at any time.

15 (d) The commission may hold public hearings and other meetings
16 throughout the state. Five members constitute a quorum to transact
17 business, and five votes are required for making commission recommen-
18 dations to the council.

19 (e) The Legislative Affairs Agency provides the legal drafting and
20 review services and the general support services required by the commis-
21 sion. The commission may request approval and funding for contracting
22 for the services of experts in substantive areas of law approved by the
23 council for revision. The commission may employ a recording secretary
24 or temporary clerical help, if needed.

25 (f) The legislative council shall include in its annual budget an
26 allocation for the operating costs of the commission based on a detailed
27 budget submitted to and approved by the council. All expenditures shall
28 be approved by the commission chairman and processed by the agency in
29 accordance with procedures approved by the council.

1 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
2 070(c).

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