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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 116

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Steering Council for Alaska
7 Lands; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 38.95.110 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 Sec. 38.95.110. STEERING COUNCIL FOR ALASKA LANDS. (a) There is
11 established the Steering Council for Alaska Lands, consisting of six
12 members as follows:

13 (1) three members of the house of representatives chosen by
14 the speaker of the house; and

15 (2) three members of the senate chosen by the president of
16 the senate.

17 (b) The members of the Steering Council for Alaska Lands shall
18 select one member as chairman and one member as vice-chairman.

19 (c) Action may not be taken by the Steering Council for Alaska
20 Lands unless the action has the approval of at least two of the members
21 chosen from the house and two of the members chosen from the senate.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 38.95 is amended by adding a new section to read:

23 Sec. 38.95.115. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. (a) There is established
24 the Executive Committee of the Steering Council, consisting of nine mem-
25 bers as follows:

26 (1) the governor or his designee;

27 (2) each member of Alaska's delegation in the United States
28 Congress or their designees;

29 (3) three persons appointed by the governor;

1 (4) a member of the house of representatives, who is a member
2 of the Steering Council for Alaska Lands, designated by the speaker of
3 the house of representatives; and

4 (5) a member of the senate, who is a member of the Steering
5 Council for Alaska Lands, designated by the president of the senate.

6 (b) Members of the Executive Committee of the Steering Council
7 shall select one member as chairman and one member as vice-chairman.

8 (c) Five members of the Executive Committee of the Steering
9 Council constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of the
10 committee.

11 * Sec. 3. AS 38.95.120 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (e) The steering council shall review and approve proposed expen-
13 ditures and obligations of the executive committee.

14 * Sec. 4. AS 38.95.130 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 38.95.130. COMPENSATION. Members of the steering council
16 and of the Executive Committee of the Steering Council receive the same
17 travel pay and per diem as provided by law for boards and commissions.

18 * Sec. 5. AS 38.95.140 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (b) The Executive Committee of the Steering Council may employ
20 those persons necessary to carry out the purposes of AS 38.95.150,
21 including, but not limited to, permanent or temporary employees, con-
22 sultants, or other experts, but the employment of any person by the
23 executive committee must have the prior approval of the steering coun-
24 cil.

25 * Sec. 6. AS 38.95 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 Sec. 38.95.150. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The
27 Executive Committee of the Steering Council shall prepare and implement
28 a unified information and lobbying effort to assure that the rights of
29 the state and its people in land in Alaska are not compromised through

1 federal actions withdrawing land, and to assure conveyance of title to
2 land selected by the state under the Statehood Act. To that end, the
3 Executive Committee of the Steering Council may

4 (1) contract for the services of individuals and organiza-
5 tions for the purpose of making presentations before Congress, the
6 executive branch of the federal government, and the general public
7 outside Alaska to present the state's position with respect to Alaska's
8 land and resources;

9 (2) act as a clearinghouse and coordinating body for infor-
10 mation relating to Alaska's land and resources; and

11 (3) inform Alaskans, by news release, public hearings and
12 workshops, and other means generally available to disseminate informa-
13 tion, of its activities.

14 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
15 070(c).

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