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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing an Alaska Silver Anniversary
7 Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The year 1984 will mark the 25th Anniversary of
10 Alaskan statehood. The same year will also be the bicentennial of the first
11 permanent Russian settlement in Alaska established by Gregory Shelikof at
12 Kodiak and the centennial of the passage of the Alaska Organic Act. These
13 historical anniversaries, especially the commemoration of Alaska's first
14 quarter century as a member of the United States, combine to present Alaska
15 with a unique opportunity to both celebrate and inform others about our
16 history and our unique and diverse cultures. A coordinated planned effort
17 culminating in 1984 will improve the general understanding of Alaska and
18 foster a sense of unity and community among all Alaskans. A statewide
19 celebration will provide a vehicle to increase Alaska tourism and develop
20 new markets and products for the renewable and nonrenewable resources of
21 Alaska. The celebration, together with pre-celebration publicity and activi-
22 ties, will focus positive national and international attention on Alaska and
23 its increasing role and position in the Pacific Rim. The creation of an
24 Alaska Silver Anniversary Commission is important to the realization of
25 these goals.

26 * Sec. 2. ALASKA SILVER ANNIVERSARY COMMISSION. (a) There is estab-
27 lished in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development an Alaska
28 Silver Anniversary Commission.

29 (b) The commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor.

1 Two of the members shall be state officials and the remaining five public
2 members shall be residents representing the various areas of the state. The
3 appointments shall be made within 30 days after the effective date of this
4 Act. Members of the commission serve during its existence unless removed by
5 the governor. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor.
6 The governor shall appoint a chairman from the membership of the commission.
7 A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of
8 business of the commission.

9 (c) Members of the commission serve without compensation but are
10 entitled to per diem and travel allowances authorized for boards and commis-
11 sions under AS 39.20.180.

12 (d) The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman of the
13 commission, at the request of a majority of the members of the commission,
14 and at regularly scheduled times as determined by a majority of the members
15 of the commission. The commission shall meet at least six times a year.
16 The first meeting of the commission shall be within 60 days of the effective
17 date of this Act.

18 (e) Members of the commission shall comply with the Alaska Public
19 Offices Commission requirements to file a personal financial disclosure.

20 * Sec. 3. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall

21 (1) solicit proposals from throughout the state for celebrating
22 the silver anniversary of the state, including plans for local, regional,
23 and statewide projects, activities, and facilities together with data con-
24 cerning the costs and benefits of those proposals;

25 (2) develop a statewide silver anniversary master plan which is
26 coordinated with existing and proposed local activities, projects, and
27 facilities throughout the state and which includes a statewide schedule of
28 statewide activities, financial data concerning the costs and benefits of
29 the activities, projects and facilities, publicity and marketing sugges-

1 tions, and details of private sector participation;

2 (3) submit the proposed silver anniversary master plan to the
3 Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature;

4 (4) involve citizens around the state in the planning process as
5 well as participating in the actual celebration activities;

6 (5) provide a positive opportunity for citizens of Alaska to work
7 together on a project of statewide importance;

8 (6) promote the participation of Pacific Rim nations and other
9 interested countries in the celebration;

10 (7) submit a final report and accounting of the activity of the
11 commission to be presented to the governor and the Second Session of the
12 Thirteenth Legislature;

13 (8) employ an executive director who serves at the pleasure of
14 the commission and is in the partially exempt service under AS 39.25.120;

15 (9) prescribe the duties of the executive director of the commis-
16 sion and fix his compensation.

17 * Sec. 4. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission may

18 (1) enter into contracts necessary to accomplish the duties of
19 the commission;

20 (2) receive and dispose of gifts and donations;

21 (3) appoint special committees, which may include persons not
22 members of the commission to assist the commission;

23 (4) conduct a community educational program to explain the goals
24 and purpose of the commission to the people of the state;

25 (5) provide information concerning the celebration of the Alaska
26 silver anniversary to people outside the state;

27 (6) coordinate the efforts of local communities interested in
28 participating in the celebration of the Alaska silver anniversary.

29 * Sec. 5. DEFINITION. In this Act "commission" means the Alaska Silver

1 Anniversary Commission.

2 * Sec. 6. TERMINATION. All powers granted by this Act terminate on
3 December 31, 1984 or when the duties established by this Act are accomp-
4 lished, whichever occurs first.

5 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1981.
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