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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 649

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to regions in the Department of Trans-  
7 portation and Public Facilities; prescribing the duties  
8 of regional transportation and public facilities direc-  
9 tors; and providing for an effective date."

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

11 \* Section 1. AS 44.42.040 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 44.42.040. REGIONAL [DEPARTMENTAL] ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT.

13 (a) The commissioner shall establish five regions within the state  
14 in accordance with (b) of this section. The functions of the department  
15 within each region shall be performed, to the maximum extent feasible,  
16 through a regional office. Each regional office shall be directed by a  
17 regional transportation and public facilities director appointed by the  
18 commissioner. Each regional transportation and public facilities direc-  
19 tor shall have at least six years experience in transportation construc-  
20 tion or engineering.

21 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.42.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (b) The five regions are:

23 (1) Region one begins in Kamishak Bay at 59°15'N, 154°00'W;  
24 and travels north along longitude line 154°00'W to latitude 63°00'N;  
25 then east along latitude line 63°00'N to a point common with the bound-  
26 aries of regional districts two and five; southerly of the Denali Highway  
27 at Corkscrew Creek (Milepost 59.1); then southerly to Prince William  
28 Sound at Fairmount Point 60°53'45"N, 147°27'W and inclusive of Kodiak,  
29 Afognak, Barren, Trinity and Chirikof Islands.

1 (2) Region two begins at and includes the point at which the  
2 Alaska Highway intersects the Alaska-Yukon border; travels northwesterly  
3 to the west abutment of the Little Tok River Bridge on Tok Cutoff Highway  
4 (Milepost 91.2); then west to the northerly abutment of the McCallum  
5 Creek Bridge on the Richardson Highway (Milestone 202.4); then west to a  
6 point directly north of the Denali Highway at Corkscrew Creek (Milepost  
7 59.1); then southwesterly to the Glenn Highway at Summit (Milepost 118)  
8 and continuing along that line to latitude 63°00'N; then west along  
9 latitude 63°00'N to longitude 154°00'W; thence north along longitude  
10 154°00'W; to the Arctic Ocean.

11 (3) Region three begins in the Gulf of Alaska on longitude  
12 line 141°00'W; then north along longitude 141°00'W to Boundary Point  
13 187; then southeasterly along the Canadian-United States border bounding  
14 Southeastern Alaska in its entirety.

15 (4) Region four begins in the Arctic Ocean at Smith Bay  
16 70°54'N, 154°19'W; on longitude line 154°00'W; travels south along  
17 longitude 154°00'W to latitude 59°15'N in Kamishak Bay; then east along  
18 latitude 59°15'N to longitude 152°15'W; then southwesterly through  
19 Shelikof Strait and bounds of the entire Aleutian Chain.

20 (5) Region five begins at the Gulf of Alaska on longitude  
21 line 141°00'W and travels northerly along that line to the point (but  
22 not including the point) at which the Alaska Highway intersects the  
23 Alaska-Yukon border; then northwesterly to the west abutment of the  
24 Little Tok River Bridge on the Tok Cutoff Highway (Milepost 91.2); then  
25 west to the northerly abutment of McCallum Creek Bridge on the Richardson  
26 Highway (Milepost 202.4); then west to the point directly north of  
27 Denali Highway at Corkscrew Creek (Milepost 59.1); then southwesterly to  
28 the Glenn Highway at Summit (Milepost 118); then southerly to Prince  
29 William Sound at Fairmount Point 60°53'45"N, 147°27'W.

1 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2           Sec. 44.42.045. DUTIES OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC  
3 FACILITIES DIRECTORS. (a) Each regional transportation and public  
4 facilities director is responsible for planning, design, and construction  
5 within his region consistent with the state transportation plan estab-  
6 lished under AS 44.42.050 and the state public facilities plan estab-  
7 lished under AS 44.42.055.

8           (b) Each regional transportation and public facilities director  
9 shall submit to the commissioner proposed program plans, program budget  
10 requests, and reports of program performance at a time directed by the  
11 director of the division of budget and management, Office of the Gover-  
12 nor. The commissioner may comment on the program and financial plans  
13 submitted by a regional transportation and public facilities director  
14 under AS 37.07 but shall forward the program and financial plans sub-  
15 mitted by a regional transportation and public facilities director to  
16 the division of budget and management without change.

17           (c) Each regional transportation and public facilities director  
18 shall submit to the commissioner a plan implementing the state transpor-  
19 tation plan and the state public facilities plan 90 days before the end  
20 of a fiscal year for implementation in the succeeding fiscal year. A  
21 revision of the plan implementing either the state transportation plan  
22 or the state public facilities plan may be submitted at any time. A  
23 regional implementation plan or a revision of a regional implementation  
24 plan is final unless disapproved by the commissioner within 30 days of  
25 its receipt by the commissioner.

26 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.  
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