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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 649 (Transportation)

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 Bristol Bay on latitude 58°00'N and  
24 travels east along that line to longitude line 158°00'W; then north  
25 along longitude line 158°00'W to the mouth of Kvichak Bay; then travels  
26 northeasterly along the southern bank of the Kvichak River to Iliamna  
27 Lake; then northeasterly along the southern shore of Iliamna Lake to  
28 longitude line 154°00'W, and travels north along longitude line 154°00'W  
29 to latitude 63°00'N; then east along latitude line 63°00'N to a point

1 common with the boundaries of regional districts two and five; southerly  
2 of the Denali Highway at Corkscrew Creek (Milepost 59.1); then south-  
3 westerly to the junction of the Glenn Highway and the Fishhook-Willow  
4 Road (approximately one mile northeast of Palmer); then southeasterly to  
5 Prince William Sound at Fairmount Point  $60^{\circ}53'45''N$ ,  $147^{\circ}27'W$  and in-  
6 clusive of Kodiak, Afognak, Barren, Trinity, Chirikof, and Pribilof  
7 Islands.

8 (2) Region two begins at and includes the point at which the  
9 Alaska Highway intersects the Alaska-Yukon border; travels northwesterly  
10 to the west abutment of the Little Tok River Bridge on Tok Cutoff Highway  
11 (Milepost 91.2); then west to the northerly abutment of the McCallum  
12 Creek Bridge on the Richardson Highway (Milestone 202.4); then west to a  
13 point directly north of the Denali Highway at Corkscrew Creek (Milepost  
14 59.1); and continuing along that line to latitude  $63^{\circ}00'N$ ; then west  
15 along latitude  $63^{\circ}00'N$  to longitude  $154^{\circ}00'W$ ; thence north along longi-  
16 tude  $154^{\circ}00'W$ ; to the Arctic Ocean.

17 (3) Region three begins in the Gulf of Alaska on longitude  
18 line  $141^{\circ}00'W$ ; then north along longitude  $141^{\circ}00'W$  to Boundary Point  
19 187; then southeasterly along the Canadian-United States border bounding  
20 Southeastern Alaska in its entirety.

21 (4) Region four begins in the Arctic Ocean at Smith Bay  
22  $70^{\circ}54'N$ ,  $154^{\circ}19'W$ ; on longitude line  $154^{\circ}00'W$ ; travels south along  
23 longitude  $154^{\circ}00'W$  to a point where longitude line  $154^{\circ}00'W$  crosses the  
24 southern shore of Iliamna Lake; then southwesterly along the southern  
25 shore of Iliamna Lake to the Kvichak River; then southwesterly along the  
26 southern bank of the Kvichak River to Kvichak Bay; then south along  
27 longitude line  $158^{\circ}00'W$  to latitude line  $58^{\circ}00'N$ , then west along that  
28 line into Bristol Bay, and inclusive of St. Matthew, St. Lawrence, and  
29 Nunivak Islands.

1 (5) Region five begins at the Gulf of Alaska on longitude  
2 line 141°00'W and travels northerly along that line to the point (but  
3 not including the point) at which the Alaska Highway intersects the  
4 Alaska-Yukon border; then northwesterly to the west abutment of the  
5 Little Tok River Bridge on the Tok Cutoff Highway (Milepost 91.2); then  
6 west to the northerly abutment of McCallum Creek Bridge on the Richardson  
7 Highway (Milepost 202.4); then west to the point directly north of  
8 Denali Highway at Corkscrew Creek (Milepost 59.1); then southwesterly to  
9 the junction of the Glenn Highway and the Fishhook-Willow Road (approx-  
10 imately one mile northeast of Palmer); then southeasterly to Prince  
11 William Sound at Fairmount Point 60°53'45"N, 147°27'W.

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

13 Sec. 44.42.045. DUTIES OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC  
14 FACILITIES DIRECTORS. (a) Each regional transportation and public  
15 facilities director is responsible for planning, design, and construc-  
16 tion within his region consistent with the state transportation plan  
17 established under AS 44.42.050 and the state public facilities plan  
18 established under AS 44.42.055.

19 (b) Each regional transportation and public facilities director  
20 shall submit to the commissioner proposed program plans, program budget  
21 requests, and reports of program performance at a time directed by the  
22 director of the division of budget and management, Office of the Gover-  
23 nor. The commissioner may comment on the program and financial plans  
24 submitted by a regional transportation and public facilities director  
25 under AS 37.07 but shall forward the program and financial plans sub-  
26 mitted by a regional transportation and public facilities director to  
27 the division of budget and management without change.

28 (c) Each regional transportation and public facilities director  
29 shall submit to the commissioner a plan implementing the state transpor-

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tation plan and the state public facilities plan 90 days before the end of a fiscal year for implementation in the succeeding fiscal year. A revision of the plan implementing either the state transportation plan or the state public facilities plan may be submitted at any time. A regional implementation plan or a revision of a regional implementation plan is final unless disapproved by the commissioner within 30 days of its receipt by the commissioner.

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