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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 347 (State Affairs)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Alaska State Fire Commission;  
7 and providing for an effective date."  
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
9 \* Section 1. AS 44.41 is amended by adding new sections to read:  
10 Sec. 44.41.040. FIRE COMMISSION. The Alaska State Fire Commis-  
11 sion is established in the Department of Public Safety.  
12 Sec. 44.41.050. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The governor shall appoint the  
13 members of the commission without regard to political affiliation to  
14 serve for terms of four years. Members shall have an understanding of  
15 basic fire protection principles. A member may serve no more than two  
16 consecutive full terms. Membership shall include a  
17 (1) member of the Alaska Fire Chief's Association;  
18 (2) member of the Alaska State Firefighters Association;  
19 (3) member of the Alaska Municipal League;  
20 (4) representative of the field of education;  
21 (5) representative of the Alaska Federation of Natives;  
22 (6) representative of the insurance industry;  
23 (7) representative of the construction industry;  
24 (8) representative of the petrochemical industry; and  
25 (9) representative of the transportation industry.  
26 (b) The attorney general and the commissioners of public safety,  
27 labor, community and regional affairs, and natural resources or their  
28 designated representatives are ex officio members of the commission.  
29 (c) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled from the

1 appropriate source. The appointee shall serve for the unexpired  
2 portion of the term.

3 (d) Members serve without compensation but are entitled to  
4 travel and per diem authorized for members of boards and commissions  
5 under AS 39.20.180.

6 Sec. 44.41.196. PROCEDURES; STAFF. (a) The commission shall  
7 meet each quarter. A quorum consists of five members and must include  
8 either the chair or the vice-chair of the commission. The commission  
9 shall determine the location of a meeting in advance and shall publish  
10 notice of the meeting statewide at least 30 days before the meeting  
11 date.

12 (b) Roberts Rules of Order shall govern commission meetings.

13 (c) The membership shall elect a chair and a vice-chair to serve  
14 for terms of four years. An elected officer may serve for no more  
15 than two successive full terms. The chair may appoint standing and  
16 special committees and subcommittees.

17 (d) The chair, the governor, or three members of the commission  
18 may call a special meeting.

19 (e) The commission shall hire an executive director and other  
20 staff as necessary.

21 Sec. 44.41.197. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The commission shall

22 (1) develop and adopt a state master plan for fire preven-  
23 tion and control and a state fire education and training plan;

24 (2) assist state and local fire prevention and control  
25 agencies in improving fire prevention and control in the state;

26 (3) establish policy and operational guidelines for state  
27 agencies with fire protection responsibilities and make recommenda-  
28 tions to private industry, local governments, and federal agencies  
29 having fire protection programs;

1           (4) develop and maintain a liaison with all fire protection  
2 agencies in the state, both public and private;

3           (5) recommend legislative and executive actions to enhance  
4 effective and efficient fire prevention and suppression;

5           (6) adopt regulations under the Administrative Procedure  
6 Act (AS 44.62) to enhance effective and efficient fire prevention and  
7 suppression;

8           (7) develop and implement a standardized data collection  
9 system for all fire protection agencies in the state;

10          (8) serve as a resource and technical information source  
11 for local governments, state and federal agencies, the legislature and  
12 persons in the state;

13          (9) submit an annual report to the governor, legislature,  
14 and the fire service community on the activities, recommendations, and  
15 accomplishments of the commission during the preceding fiscal year;

16          (10) take other actions necessary or proper to carry out its  
17 duties.

18          (b) The commission may

19           (1) conduct research, hold public hearings, and study  
20 related issues in order to make recommendations for the improvement of  
21 fire prevention and control in the state;

22           (2) accept unrestricted gifts, bequests, devises, grants,  
23 matching funds and other consideration for use in promoting the com-  
24 mission's work.

25          \* Sec. 2. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

26           (13) Alaska State Fire Commission -- June 30, 1989.

27          \* Sec. 3. Notwithstanding AS 44.41.050 enacted by sec. 1 of this Act,  
28 the following initial members of the commission shall serve the following  
29 terms:

1           (1) representatives of the construction industry and the field  
2 of education, three years;

3           (2) member of the Alaska State Firefighters Association and the  
4 representative of the insurance industry, two years;

5           (3) representatives of the transportation industry and the  
6 Alaska Federation of Natives, one year.

7       \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
8 10.070(c).