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SENATE BILL NO. 209

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to creating the Alaska State Fire

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Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 15. ALASKA STATE FIRE COMMISSION.

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Sec. 44.19.194. FIRE COMMISSION. The Alaska State Fire Commis-

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sion is established in the Office of the Governor.

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Sec. 44.19.195. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The governor shall appoint the

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members of the commission without regard to political affiliation to

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serve for terms of four years. Members shall have an understanding of

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basic fire protection principles. A member may serve no more than two

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consecutive full terms. Membership shall include a

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(1) member of the Alaska Fire Chief's Association;

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(2) member of the Alaska State Firefighters Association;

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(3) member of the Alaska Municipal League;

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(4) representative of the field of education;

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(5) representative of the Alaska Federation of Natives;

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(6) representative of the insurance industry;

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(7) representative of the construction industry;

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(8) representative of the petrochemical industry; and

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(9) representative of the transportation industry.

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(b) The attorney general and the commissioners of public safety,

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labor, community and regional affairs, and natural resources or their

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designated representatives are ex officio members of the committee.

1 (c) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled from the appro-
2 priate source. The appointee shall serve for the unexpired portion of
3 the term.

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

7 Sec. 44.19.196. PROCEDURES; STAFF. (a) The commission shall
8 meet each quarter. A quorum consists of five members and must include
9 either the chair or the vice-chair of the commission. The commission
10 shall determine the location of a meeting in advance and shall publish
11 notice of the meeting statewide at least 30 days before the meeting
12 date.

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

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

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

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

22 Sec. 44.19.197. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The commission shall

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

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

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

- 1 having fire protection programs;
- 2 (4) develop and maintain a liaison with all fire protection
3 agencies in the state, both public and private;
- 4 (5) recommend legislative and executive actions to enhance
5 effective and efficient fire prevention and suppression;
- 6 (6) adopt regulations under the Administrative Procedure
7 Act (AS 44.62) to enhance effective and efficient fire prevention and
8 suppression;
- 9 (7) develop and implement a standardized data collection
10 system for all fire protection agencies in the state;
- 11 (8) serve as a resource and technical information source
12 for local governments, state and federal agencies, the legislature and
13 persons in the state;
- 14 (9) submit an annual report to the governor, legislature,
15 and the fire service community on the activities, recommendations, and
16 accomplishments of the commission during the preceding fiscal year;
- 17 (10) take other actions necessary or proper to carry out its
18 duties.
- 19 (b) The commission may
- 20 (1) conduct research, hold public hearings, and study
21 related issues in order to make recommendations for the improvement of
22 fire prevention and control in the state;
- 23 (2) accept unrestricted gifts, bequests, devises, grants,
24 matching funds and other consideration for use in promoting the com-
25 mission's work.
- 26 * Sec. 2. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
27 (13) Alaska State Fire Commission -- June 30, 1989.
- 28 * Sec. 3. Notwithstanding AS 44.19.195 enacted by sec. 1 of this Act,
29 the following initial members of the commission shall serve the following

1 terms:

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

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

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

8 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
9 10.070(c).