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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 209 (Rules)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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 ARTICLE 2. ALASKA STATE FIRE COMMISSION.  
11 Sec. 44.41.100. FIRE COMMISSION. The Alaska State Fire Commis-  
12 sion is established in the Department of Public Safety.  
13 Sec. 44.41.110. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The governor shall appoint the  
14 members of the commission without regard to political affiliation to  
15 serve for terms of four years. Members must have an understanding of  
16 basic fire protection principles. A member may serve no more than two  
17 consecutive full terms. Membership must include a  
18 (1) member of the Alaska Fire Chief's Association;  
19 (2) member of the Alaska State Firefighters Association;  
20 (3) member of the Alaska Municipal League;  
21 (4) representative of the field of education;  
22 (5) representative of the Alaska Federation of Natives;  
23 (6) representative of the insurance industry;  
24 (7) representative of the construction industry;  
25 (8) representative of the oil industry; and  
26 (9) representative of the transportation industry.  
27 (b) The attorney general and the commissioners of public safety,  
28 labor, community and regional affairs, and natural resources or their  
29 designated representatives are nonvoting 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. 44.41.120. PROCEDURES; STAFF. (a) A quorum consists of  
8 five members and must include either the chair or the vice-chair of  
9 the commission.

10 (b) The membership shall elect a chair and a vice-chair to serve  
11 for terms of one year. The chair may appoint standing and special  
12 committees and subcommittees.

13 (c) The chair, the governor, or three members of the commission  
14 may call a special meeting.

15 (d) The commission may hire staff as necessary. Employees of  
16 the commission are in the partially exempt service under AS 39.25.120.

17 Sec. 44.41.130. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The commission shall

18 (1) develop and adopt a state master plan for fire preven-  
19 tion, control, education, and training, and provide direction and  
20 coordination for state fire-related programs;

21 (2) establish policy and operational guidelines for state  
22 agencies with fire protection responsibilities and make recommenda-  
23 tions to private industry, local governments, and federal agencies  
24 having fire protection programs;

25 (3) adopt procedural regulations reasonably necessary to  
26 carry out the duties imposed by AS 44.41.100 - 44.41.130;

27 (4) make recommendations for local, federal, and private  
28 fire-related programs; and

29 (5) report on commission activities when requested by the

1 governor or the legislature.

2 (b) The commission may

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

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

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.25.120(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (19) employees of the Alaska State Fire Commission.

11 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

12 (13) Alaska State Fire Commission -- June 30, 1990.

13 \* Sec. 4. Notwithstanding AS 44.41.110, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act,  
14 and AS 39.05.055, the following initial members of the Alaska State Fire  
15 Commission shall serve the following terms:

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

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

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

22 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
23 10.070(c).