

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 440

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska-Soviet Far East

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Commission; and providing for an effective date."

8 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 16. ALASKA-SOVIET FAR EAST COMMISSION.

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Sec. 44.19.605. ALASKA-SOVIET FAR EAST COMMISSION. There is

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created in the Office of the Governor the Alaska-Soviet Far East

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Commission.

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Sec. 44.19.615. PURPOSE. The purpose of the commission is to

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represent the state in Alaska-Soviet issues and to serve as the point

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of contact and official coordinator in the development of economic,

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cultural, scientific, technical, and educational contacts between the

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Soviet Far East and the State of Alaska, University of Alaska, and the

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private sector.

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Sec. 44.19.625. COMPOSITION. (a) The commission consists of

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seven members appointed by the governor. At least two members must be

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from the private sector, at least two members must be from higher

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education, and at least one member must be from the Native community.

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(b) The governor shall designate one member of the commission as

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chairperson of the commission. This member shall serve as chairperson

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for a term of one year, but may be reappointed for successive terms.

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Sec. 44.19.635. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office of each

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member is three years. Terms shall be staggered. The governor shall

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designate who among the initial appointees shall serve one-, two-, and

1 three-year terms in accordance with AS 39.05.055(5). A vacancy shall
2 be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the
3 original appointment.

4 Sec. 44.19.645. POWERS AND DUTIES. The commission shall

5 (1) serve as the official coordinator and representative of
6 the State of Alaska for all Alaska-Soviet exchanges;

7 (2) serve as a forum for the exchange of information between
8 the state, the University of Alaska, and the private sector about
9 current developments and contacts in Alaska-Soviet Far East relations;

10 (3) host and coordinate official delegations visiting Alaska
11 and the Soviet Far East; and

12 (4) accept monetary gifts or grants from the federal govern-
13 ment or an agency of it, from any charitable foundation or professiona
14 association, or from any other sources for implementation of any
15 program or project necessary or desirable for carrying out the general
16 purposes of the commission.

17 Sec. 44.19.655. MEETINGS. Within 60 days after the appointment
18 of all the members of the commission, the governor shall call the
19 first meeting. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for
20 conducting business and exercising the powers of the commission. The
21 commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson, at the request
22 of a majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time as
23 determined by a majority of the members.

24 Sec. 44.19.665. COMPENSATION. Members of the commission serve
25 without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel allow-
26 ances as authorized by AS 39.20.180 and AS 39.20.185.

27 Sec. 44.19.675. ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Each year
28 the commission shall submit to the legislature and the governor a
29 report of its activities during the previous calendar year and any

1 recommendations the commission considers appropriate. The report and
2 any recommendations shall be submitted no later than the 10th day of
3 each regular legislative session.

4 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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