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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 561

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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 Men's Commission; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

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

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ARTICLE 17. ALASKA MEN'S COMMISSION.

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Sec. 44.19.521. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the

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Office of the Governor the Alaska Men's Commission.

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Sec. 44.19.523. COMPOSITION. The commission consists of nine

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members and an ex officio member representing the office of the attor-

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ney general who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

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Sec. 44.19.525. APPOINTMENT. (a) The members shall be appoint-

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ed on a nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory basis by the governor. The

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members shall have been residents of the state for at least two years

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by the time of appointment. In making the appointments, the governor

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shall give due consideration to

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(1) the recommendations made by civic organizations, men's

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organizations, educational and vocational groups, employer groups,

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labor unions, church groups, and other groups having an interest in

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the societal role of men;

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(2) statewide geographical representation of the commis-

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sion;

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(3) minority and low-income representation;

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(4) representation of senior citizens, persons with dis-

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abilities, and persons from a variety of occupational categories; and

1 (5) representation of persons with different marital sta-
2 tuses and persons with various numbers of children.

3 (b) The commission shall elect one of its members as chair and
4 may select other commission officers as it considers necessary.

5 Sec. 44.19.527. MEETINGS. A majority of the members constitutes
6 a quorum for conducting business and exercising the powers of the
7 commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair, at
8 the request of a majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled
9 time as determined by a majority of the members.

10 Sec. 44.19.529. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office of each
11 member is three years. Terms shall be staggered. A vacancy shall be
12 filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as
13 original appointments. A member may not serve more than six consecu-
14 tive years.

15 Sec. 44.19.531. COMPENSATION. Members of the commission receive
16 no compensation for their services but are entitled to per diem and
17 travel allowances authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

18 Sec. 44.19.533. PURPOSE. (a) The purpose of the commission is
19 to address the changing societal role of men in the state by conduct-
20 ing research, by serving as a clearinghouse and coordinating body for
21 matters concerning men, and by making and implementing recommendations
22 on the needs, problems, and contributions of men in the state.

23 (b) When conducting research, acting as a referral service,
24 serving as a forum for ideas, and developing recommendations related
25 to the role of men, the commission shall solicit and consider informa-
26 tion and views from a variety of constituencies in order to represent
27 the broad spectrum of diversity that exists.

28 Sec. 44.19.535. POWERS AND DUTIES. To accomplish its purpose,
29 the commission may

- 1 (1) hire an executive director and additional administra-
2 tive staff as may be necessary to the commission's function;
- 3 (2) act as a clearinghouse and coordinating body for gov-
4 ernmental and nongovernmental information relating to the societal
5 role of men;
- 6 (3) cooperate with public and private agencies in joint
7 efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the changing soci-
8 etal role of men in the state;
- 9 (4) investigate, accumulate, and compile information con-
10 cerning disproportionate gender statistics in a variety of areas;
- 11 (5) disseminate the results of research and compilation of
12 data acquired under (4) of this section by publication and other
13 methods such as public hearings, conferences, and seminars;
- 14 (6) study and analyze all facts relating to Alaska laws,
15 regulations and guidelines with respect to equal protection for men
16 under the state constitution;
- 17 (7) recommend legislative and administrative action on
18 equal treatment and opportunities for men;
- 19 (8) select and retain the services of consultants whose
20 advice is considered necessary to assist the commission in obtaining
21 information;
- 22 (9) encourage men to utilize their capabilities, expand
23 their opportunities beyond the traditional scope, and to assume sup-
24 portive roles;
- 25 (10) encourage men to recognize the stress caused by a
26 changing societal role and make recommendations to alleviate the
27 symptoms of that stress;
- 28 (11) establish standing committees among the members to
29 investigate and make recommendations on various areas of concern;

1 (12) create task forces composed of commission members and
2 other experts as needed;

3 (13) accept monetary gifts or grants from the federal gov-
4 ernment or an agency of it, from any charitable foundation or profes-
5 sional association or from any other reputable sources for implementa-
6 tion of any program necessary or desirable for carrying out the gener-
7 al purposes of the commission;

8 (14) encourage the development of regional and municipal
9 men's councils or commissions.

10 Sec. 44.19.537. ANNUAL REPORT. Each year the commission shall
11 file a report with the governor and the legislature of its proceedings
12 for the previous calendar year and shall submit recommendations for
13 legislative and administrative action. Reports and recommendations
14 required under this section shall be prepared no later than the con-
15 vening of the legislature.

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

17 (17) Alaska Men's Commission - June 30, 1994.

18 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1990.