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SENATE BILL NO. 402

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska-Soviet Far East  
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 16. ALASKA-SOVIET FAR EAST COMMISSION.

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Sec. 44.19.605. ALASKA-SOVIET FAR EAST COMMISSION. There is  
created in the Office of the Governor the Alaska-Soviet Far East  
Commission.

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Sec. 44.19.615. PURPOSE. The purpose of the commission is to  
represent the state in Alaska-Soviet issues and to serve as the point  
of contact and official coordinator in the development of economic,  
cultural, scientific, technical, and educational contacts between the  
Soviet Far East and the State of Alaska, University of Alaska, and the  
private sector.

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Sec. 44.19.625. COMPOSITION. (a) The commission consists of  
seven members appointed by the governor. At least two members must be  
from the private sector, at least two members must be from higher  
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  
chairperson of the commission. This member shall serve as chairperson  
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  
member is three years. Terms shall be staggered. The governor shall  
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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