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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 402 (ITT)

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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 Commission;  
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 16. ALASKA-SOVIET COMMISSION.

11 Sec. 44.19.605. ALASKA-SOVIET COMMISSION. There is created in  
12 the Office of the Governor the Alaska-Soviet Commission.

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

19 Sec. 44.19.625. COMPOSITION AND VOTING. (a) The commission  
20 consists of seven members appointed by the governor. At least two  
21 members must be from the private sector, at least two members must be  
22 from higher education, and at least one member must be from the Native  
23 community.

24 (b) The governor shall designate one member of the commission as  
25 chair of the commission. This member shall serve as chair for a term  
26 of one year, but may be reappointed for successive terms.

27 (c) If a house of the legislature has a committee on foreign  
28 trade, the chair of the committee shall be an ex officio member of the  
29 commission. If a house of the legislature does not have a committee

1 on foreign trade, the presiding officer of that house shall appoint a  
2 member of that house to be an ex officio member of the commission. An  
3 ex officio member may not vote on a matter considered by the commis-  
4 sion.

5 Sec. 44.19.635. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office of each  
6 member is three years. Terms shall be staggered. The governor shall  
7 designate who among the initial appointees shall serve one-, two-, and  
8 three-year terms in accordance with AS 39.05.055(5). A vacancy shall  
9 be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the  
10 original appointment.

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

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

14 (2) serve as a forum for the exchange of information between  
15 the state, the University of Alaska, and the private sector about  
16 current developments and contacts in Alaska-Soviet relations;

17 (3) host and coordinate official delegations visiting Alaska  
18 and the Soviet Union;

19 (4) accept monetary gifts or grants from the federal govern-  
20 ment or an agency of it, from a charitable foundation or professional  
21 association, or from other sources for implementation of any program  
22 or project necessary or desirable for carrying out the general pur-  
23 poses of the commission;

24 (5) determine and evaluate the potential for an economic  
25 partnership between the Soviet Union and the state;

26 (6) coordinate with the director of the office of interna-  
27 tional trade in the Office of the Governor strategies, approaches, and  
28 methods to expand the state's trade with the Soviet Union; and

29 (7) develop and implement, as directed by the governor,

1 state policy relating to interaction with the Soviet Union and act as  
2 a liaison with the United States Department of State to solve problems  
3 preventing or complicating interaction with the Soviet Union.

4 Sec. 44.19.655. MEETINGS. Within 60 days after the appointment  
5 of all the members of the commission, the governor shall call the  
6 first meeting. A majority of the members other than ex officio mem-  
7 bers constitutes a quorum for conducting business and exercising the  
8 powers of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of  
9 the chair, at the request of a majority of the members other than ex  
10 officio members, or at a regularly scheduled time as determined by a  
11 majority of the members other than ex officio members.

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

15 Sec. 44.19.675. ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Each year  
16 the commission shall submit to the legislature and the governor a  
17 report of its activities during the previous calendar year and recom-  
18 mendations the commission considers appropriate. The report and  
19 recommendations shall be submitted no later than the 10th day of each  
20 regular legislative session.

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

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