

HOUSE BILL NO. 95
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACKIE

Introduced: 2/1/91
Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission; and providing
2 for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

5 (1) even though the gold rush of 1898 was centered in the Klondike region of the state,
6 other parts of the state were involved in the gold rush, and it significantly affected the development of
7 the state as a whole;

8 (2) because of the general significance of this gold rush to the state, it is appropriate to
9 hold a statewide celebration for its centennial.

10 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 **ARTICLE 19. ALASKA-KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.**

12 **Sec. 44.19.601. CREATION, COMPOSITION, AND ORGANIZATION OF**
13 **COMMISSION. (a) The Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission is established in**
14 **the Office of the Governor.**

1 (b) The commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor. The
2 commission members shall include

3 (1) five individuals, with a sincere interest in the history of the Klondike gold
4 rush and in the role played by the state in the gold rush;

5 (2) two individuals who are recognized for their expertise in the history of the
6 gold rush and are not employees of a governmental agency.

7 (c) The commission shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among its members.

8 Sec. 44.19.602. COMPENSATION; STAFF, AND OPERATING EXPENSES. (a)
9 Members of the commission serve without compensation, but are entitled to per diem and travel
10 expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

11 (b) The commission is authorized to hire an executive secretary. The Office of the
12 Governor shall provide administrative support for the commission.

13 Sec. 44.19.603. TERM OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES; MEETINGS. (a) The term
14 of office of a member of the commission is for the duration of the commission.

15 (b) A member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the governor.

16 (c) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the governor.

17 (d) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for conducting business and
18 exercising the powers of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair,
19 at the request of the majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time as determined by
20 a majority of the members. The commission shall hold at least one meeting each year that is not
21 by teleconference.

22 Sec. 44.19.604. DUTIES. (a) The commission shall plan, coordinate, and oversee the
23 events to be conducted or sponsored by the state to celebrate the centennial of the Klondike gold
24 rush of 1898. The commission shall coordinate these events with the Klondike gold rush
25 celebrations planned by Canada.

26 (b) During the regular session of the legislature each year the commission shall report
27 to the governor and to the legislature on the performance of the commission's duties under (a)
28 of this section. The report must include a statement of the commission's short-term and long-
29 term goals for the celebration.

30 Sec. 44.19.608. DEFINITION. In AS 44.19.601 - 44.19.608, "commission" means the
31 Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission.

- 1 * Sec. 3. AS 44.19.601, 44.19.602, 44.19.603, 44.19.604, and 44.19.608 are repealed.
- 2 * Sec. 4. FIRST MEETING. The governor shall call the first meeting of the Alaska-Klondike Gold
3 Rush Commission, established under sec. 1 of this Act, within 60 days after all of the members of the
4 commission have been appointed.
- 5 * Sec. 5. Section 3 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1999.
- 6 * Sec. 6. Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).