

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 95 (STATE AFFAIRS)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/22/91
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE MACKIE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Task Force; 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 Yukon,
6 Alaska was also involved in the gold rush, and it significantly affected the development of Alaska as
7 a whole;

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

10 * Sec. 2. AS 44.37 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 2. ALASKA-KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL TASK FORCE.

12 Sec. 44.37.200. CREATION, COMPOSITION, AND ORGANIZATION OF TASK
13 FORCE. (a) The Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Task Force is established in the office
14 of history and archaeology in the division of parks and outdoor recreation in the Department of

1 **Natural Resources.**

2 (b) The task force consists of the director of the division of tourism in the Department
3 of Commerce and Economic Development, the director of the division of parks and outdoor
4 recreation in the Department of Natural Resources, and seven members appointed by the
5 governor. The task force members appointed by the governor shall include

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

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

10 (c) One of the seven members appointed by the governor under (b) of this section shall
11 be a resident of the Yukon Territory.

12 (d) The task force shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among its members.

13 Sec. 44.37.205. **COMPENSATION; STAFF; AND OPERATING EXPENSES.** (a)
14 Members of the task force serve without compensation, but are entitled to per diem and travel
15 expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

16 (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide administrative support for the task
17 force.

18 Sec. 44.37.210. **TERM OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES; MEETINGS.** (a) The term
19 of office of a member of the task force is for the duration of the task force.

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

21 (c) A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the governor.

22 (d) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for conducting business and
23 exercising the powers of the task force. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair, at the
24 request of the majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time as determined by a
25 majority of the members. The task force shall hold at least one meeting each year that is not by
26 teleconference.

27 Sec. 44.37.215. **DUTIES.** (a) The task force shall plan, coordinate, and oversee the
28 events to be conducted or sponsored by the state to celebrate the centennial of the Klondike gold
29 rush of 1898. The task force shall coordinate these events with the Klondike gold rush
30 celebrations planned by Canada.

31 (b) During the regular session of the legislature each year the task force shall report to

1 the governor and to the legislature on the performance of the duties of the task force under (a)
2 of this section. The report must include a statement of the short-term and long-term goals of the
3 task force for the celebration.

4 Sec. 44.37.220. DEFINITION. In AS 44.37.200 - 44.37.220, "task force" means the
5 Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Task Force.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 44.37.200, 44.37.205, 44.37.210, 44.37.215, and 44.37.220 are repealed.

7 * Sec. 4. FIRST MEETING. The governor shall call the first meeting of the Alaska-Klondike Gold
8 Rush Task Force, established under AS 44.37.200, as added by sec. 2 of this Act, within 60 days after
9 all of the members of the task force have been appointed.

10 * Sec. 5. Section 3 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1999.

11 * Sec. 6. Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).