

HOUSE BILL NO. 120
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYER, Brown, Ulmer

Introduced: 2/6/91

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing and implementing a policy in favor of gender balance on state
2 boards, commissions, and similar groups."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 39.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 Sec. 39.05.062. GENDER BALANCE ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND SIMILAR
6 GROUPS. (a) It is the policy of the state that all public members of appointive boards,
7 commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and similar groups established by law should be
8 gender balanced, unless otherwise provided by the law establishing the group. In this subsection,
9 "gender balanced" means that the number of members of one gender should not exceed by more
10 than one the number of members of the other gender serving as members of the group.

11 (b) The appointing authority for a group governed by (a) of this section shall take
12 reasonable steps not prohibited by law to advertise for persons to fill group vacancies in a
13 manner and in places that are likely to attract applications from persons whose gender is
14 underrepresented in the group.

1 (c) If the appointing authority for a group governed by (a) of this section does not
2 appoint a person whose presence in the group would decrease the underrepresentation of a
3 particular gender, the appointing authority shall issue at the time of the appointment a written
4 description of how the appointing authority complied with (b) of this section.

5 (d) If there are multiple appointing authorities for a group governed by (a) of this section,
6 the appointing authorities shall consult each other in order to implement this section.