

**HOUSE BILL NO. 170**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES KOPONEN, Moyer, Gruenberg, Ulmer, B.Davis**

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**Referred: State Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act establishing the Alaska Women's Commission in the legislative branch; abolishing  
2 the Alaska Women's Commission in the Office of the Governor; and providing for an  
3 effective date."

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

5 \* **Section 1. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.** The legislature finds that the public interest would be best  
6 served if there were a commission in the legislative branch to conduct studies, provide education, and  
7 make recommendations relating to women in the state. The purpose of this Act is to establish such a  
8 commission and, to avoid duplication of efforts, abolish a similar commission in the executive branch.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 44.19.165 is repealed and reenacted to read:

10           Sec. 44.19.165. **ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION.** The Alaska Women's  
11 Commission is established as a permanent commission of the legislature. It is located within the  
12 Alaska Legislative Council for budgetary purposes.

13 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 44.19.166 is repealed and reenacted to read:

14           Sec. 44.19.166. **COMPOSITION.** The commission consists of 10 members, including

1 the president of the senate or a senator appointed by the president, the speaker of the house of  
2 representatives or a member of the house appointed by the speaker, and eight members of the  
3 public who shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities. Four members  
4 of the public shall be appointed by the president of the senate, and four members of the public  
5 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house.

6 \* Sec. 4. AS 44.19.167(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) The members of the public appointed under AS 44.19.166 shall be appointed on  
8 a nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory basis [BY THE GOVERNOR]. The public members shall  
9 have been residents of the state for at least two years by the time of appointment. At least one  
10 public member shall be a person who manages a household that includes the person's spouse and  
11 at least one child and who is not otherwise employed. In making the appointments, the  
12 appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments so that [GOVERNOR SHALL  
13 GIVE] due consideration is given to

14 (1) the recommendations made by civic organizations, women's organizations,  
15 educational and vocational groups, employer groups, labor unions, church groups, homemaker's  
16 clubs and organizations, and other groups having an interest in the welfare and status of women;

17 (2) statewide geographical representation of the commission;

18 (3) minority and low-income representation;

19 (4) representation of senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and persons from  
20 a variety of occupational categories; and

21 (5) representation of persons with different marital statuses and persons with  
22 various numbers of children.

23 \* Sec. 5. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION. The revisor of statutes shall renumber AS 44.19.165 -  
24 44.19.180 appropriately to reflect the purpose of this Act.

25 \* Sec. 6. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. Grants received and liabilities lawfully created by the  
26 Alaska Women's Commission in the Office of the Governor before July 1, 1991, remain in effect and  
27 are transferred to the Alaska Women's Commission established under AS 44.19.165, as amended by sec.  
28 1 of this Act. Records, equipment, and other property of the former Alaska Women's Commission shall  
29 be transferred on July 1, 1991, to the commission established by this Act.

30 \* Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.