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CSHB 249
By: State Affairs Comm.
Orig: Elson

"An Act relating to the ~~formation~~
of the Ok. Pioneer Home Advisory
Board; and providing for its
effective date."

Introduced 3-9-79
Logged 3-14-79
Referrals Judiciary & Finance
Comm. meeting 3-14-79 held 4-4-79 passed
" active
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Spiff Newberry - Director benefits
Dore Kuller
Glenn: Atty. J. A. McLean (Jameson)
= member of Pioneer Advisory Bd
will be in attendance. He did
ask what time meeting was!!

Pioneers'
Home
Advisory
Board
(membership)

HOUSE BILL NO. 249, by Rep. Eliason. Amends AS 44.21.120, Composition of the Board, to include selection of an additional member by the resident council who will be present during the annual inspection by the board and who will have full voting privileges during the annual inspection and review meeting. Term of office is one year. No effective

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Pioneers'
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HOUSE BILL NO. 249, (see page 248). Reported back to the House on March 9 by State Affairs with a majority recommending replace with SUBSTITUTE and that it do pass. Not concurring: Martin and Parker have no recommendation. SUBSTITUTE requires the appointment of one resident to the Advisory Board as a full-fledged member for a one-year term.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (House) (cont'd)

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Outlines rotation system among the pioneers' homes for appointment of member from each of the resident councils of the different homes in the state. Outlines terms of members of the Advisory Board. Provides an effective date to take effect immediately. To Rules.

Pioneer's
Home Advis.
Board

HOUSE BILL NO. 249 (SUBSTITUTE) (see pp. 248; 334). SUBSTITUTE adopted and bill passed March 13, 37-0-1-2. Excused: Meekins. Absent: Bettlsworth, Brown. Effective date adopted.

the Feds footing the bill the first year but then the next couple of years the hands will be dipping into the general fund rather than deriving funds from receipts.

NOTE: This bill requires that state and muni agencies designate an employee as a liason with the State Library for the purpose of notifying the State Library of all data published or compiled with their respective agencies. Some of these agencies produce quite a bit of statistical/research material which, perhaps, might consume a great deal of time to the extent that an additional body (½ time maybe) might be needed by a few of the agencies to devote to this task. If so, this would require a few new bodies which doesn't appear in the fiscal note(s). May be this idea should be tossed out for discussion at tomorrow's hearing. Possibly, this is not a problem, but I'm just ~~thunking~~ ^{thunking} out loud.

CSHB 249 - This bill revises the composition of the Alaska Pioneers' Home Advisory Board. AS 44.21.120 states "The Alaska Pioneers' Home Advisory Board consists of seven members, appointed by the governor from among citizens of Alaska. The members of the board serve at the pleasure of the governor."

CSHB 249 would change the makeup of the board particularly in that the board members would be limited to the number of years they could serve on the board. CSHB 249 proposes the following changes:

(1) the governor would appoint six residents to serve on the board and this bill would stagger their ~~tenure~~ ^{on the board to three year terms.}

(2) in addition to the above mentioned six members, a representative from one of the Pioneers' Home would serve on the board. This member would serve on the board for a one year term and then another representative from one of the other Homes would serve on the board. This position would be rotating so that every year a representative from a different home would serve on the board.

CSHB 249 differs substantially from HB 249 in that CSHB 249 tacked on the provisions dealing with limiting the members' tenure on th board to staggered three year terms. HB 249 did not change the numerical makeup of the board (retained 7 board membership) or their tenure, but simply proposed that the board meet semi-annually and when the board inspected the different Homes a representative from the respective Home be placed on the board and have full voting privileges during the annual inspection and review meeting at that pioneers' home and serve for a term of one year.

B.C. McMurtrey, Manager, Anchorage Pioneer Home, feels that the original bill would be more beneficial to the residents as they would meet in their own surroundings and environment, understand better how the homes operate, would be in a better position to offer suggestions, recommendations, and criticism. (see attached letter).

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Original sponsor: Eliason

Offered: 3/9/79
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska
7 Pioneers' Home Advisory Board; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 44.21.120 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

11 Sec. 44.21.120. MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD. (a) The Alaska
12 Pioneers' Home Advisory Board is composed of the following members:

- 13 (1) six individuals appointed by the governor who are resi-
14 dents of the state; and
- 15 (2) one resident of a pioneers' home appointed by the
16 governor who has been recommended for appointment by the resident
17 council of a pioneers' home.

18 (b) The term of a member appointed under (a)(1) of this section is
19 three years. The term of the member appointed under (a)(2) of this
20 section is one year.

21 (c) The governor shall make the appointment required by (a)(2) of
22 this section so that, for each annual term, the member appointed is
23 recommended by the resident council of a different pioneers' home.
24 Beginning July 1, 1979 the order of rotation among the pioneers' homes
25 shall be as follows:

- 26 (1) resident council of the Sitka Pioneers' Home;
- 27 (2) resident council of the Fairbanks Pioneers' Home;
- 28 (3) resident council of the Palmer Pioneers' Home;
- 29 (4) resident council of the Anchorage Pioneers' Home.

1 * Sec. 2. The terms of members of the Alaska Pioneers' Home Advisory
2 Board appointed by the Governor before July 1, 1979 expire on June 30, 1979.
3 Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 44.21.120(b), the initial terms of
4 members of the Pioneers' Advisory Board appointed by the governor under
5 AS 44.21.120(a)(1) are as follows:

6 (1) two members shall serve terms ending June 30, 1980;

7 (2) two members shall serve terms ending June 30, 1981;

8 (3) two members shall serve terms ending June 30, 1982.

9 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
10 070(c).

STATE OF ALASKA

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March 15, 1979

Honorable Glenn Hackney
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My dear Senator Hackney:

I am writing in regard to C.S. for House Bill 249, an act relating to the membership of the Alaska Pioneers' Home Advisory Board.

I supported the original bill H.B. 249 and thought it would be very beneficial to the residents and the Home as a whole. However, the C.S. for H.B. 249, Section 2C, I cannot support. The rest of the bill I support.

Section 2C would allow the Governor to appoint a member from the Sitka Home with recommendations from the resident council to serve on the Board, rotating with each Home every year. This member would be required to travel to each Home at least twice a year.

I question if this would be in the best interest of the resident due to the stress and strain and the average resident being 80 years of age. This would also eliminate many residents from serving on the Board due to the fact they could not travel. Many residents are in wheel chairs, walkers, have physical handicaps, etc., who otherwise would make a very good member of the Board.

I further question if the residents actually are concerned about the other Homes of which they know nothing. They are concerned about their own Home.

I am forming my opinions and conclusions by the residents in this Home, which I work with every day.

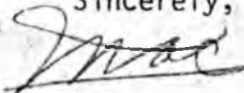
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The original bill would have a resident from each Home chosen by the resident council to serve on the Advisory Board with the same voting rights and privileges as other members when the Board meets at their Home. The original bill 249 would not restrict who could serve.

I feel the original bill would be more beneficial to the residents as they would meet in their own surroundings and environment, understand better how the Homes operate, would be in a better position to offer suggestions, recommendations, and criticism.

I feel this is deserving of your support. If I can assist in any way don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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