

GOVERNOR'S
APPOINTMENTS:
CONFIRMATION
OF COMM.

ESTHER

WUNNICKE



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January 15, 1986

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Abood, Chairman
State Affairs Committee

FROM: Peggy Mulligan *PM*
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Confirmation of Governor's Appointments

Pursuant to AS 44.19.040 and Article III Section 13 of the Alaska Constitution, President Bennett has referred the position noted to your committee:

Lieutenant Governor

Commissioner Esther C. Wunnicke

The resume of the appointee is attached.

Enclosure

ESTHER C. WUNNICKE

1705½ Willow Drive
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Work: 465-2400

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

January 1983 - Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources,
to present Juneau

1979-1982 Manager, Alaska Outer Continental Shelf Office,
Bureau of Land Management and Minerals Management
Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Anchorage

1977-1979 Federal Co-Chairman, Joint Federal-State Land Use
Planning Commission for Alaska, Anchorage. Appointed
by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

1972-1977 Director, Policy Development and Research and
Co-Counsel of Federal-State Land Use Planning
Commission, Anchorage, Alaska

1971-1972 Assistant Attorney General, State of Alaska,
Department of Law, Anchorage

1967-1971 Attorney-Advisor, Federal Field Committee for
Development Planning in Alaska, Anchorage

1950-1959 Experience during these years included instructor
in college and attorney in private practice.

EDUCATION

A.B. Degree in English and Political Science - George Washington
University, Washington, D.C., 1945-48

Law Degree (J.D.) with highest honors - George Washington University,
Washington, D.C., 1948-50

M.Ed. Degree, Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado, 1957-58

HONORS AND AWARDS

Soroptimist International of Cook Inlet and of Anchorage "Women Helping
Women" Award, 1985

Honorary Degree, Doctor of Public Service, University of Alaska, Anchorage,
May 1985

Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award, 1982

HONORS AND AWARDS (Contnd.)

Southcentral Alaska Chapter, American Society for Public Administration
as Public Administrator for 1980

Editor-in-Chief, George Washington University Law Review, Washington, D.C.,
1948-50

Order of the Coif, 1950

Valedictorian, Aztec, New Mexico, 1939

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Professional and Civic organizations include the Alaska, New Mexico and
American Bar Associations, as well as the Anchorage Women's Lawyers
Association, Anchorage League of Women Voters, Anchorage Women's Resource
Center, Anchorage Human Relations Commission and the Chugach Council, Camp
Fire, Inc.

PUBLICATIONS

"The Challenge of the Alaska OCS", U.S. Oil Policy, U.S. Energy
Institute, 1981.

"Legal Framework for Alaska Fisheries" - Alaska Fisheries Policy,
University of Alaska, 1972.

"The Land Issue" and "Framework for Decision" - Alaska Natives and the
Land, Federal Field Committee, 1969.

Alaska Natives and Federal Hire, with Robert D. Arnold, Federal Field
Committee, 1967.

Colorado School Law as Interpreted by the Colorado Supreme Court -
1887-1957, 1958.

"Federal Islands Within the States" - George Washington Law Review,
1950.

PERSONAL

Born March 15, 1922 in Kline, Colorado

Married to William C. Wunnicke, Deceased September 1983

Mother of William Paul, born in 1961
and Amy Margaret, born in 1962

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STATE OF ALASKA

Governor
Juneau

CERTIFICATE

FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by AS 44.19.-
040, I, WILLIAM J. SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA,
appoint Esther Wunnicke as successor to the office of lieutenant
governor. Under this certificate of appointment, Commissioner
Wunnicke will succeed to the office of lieutenant governor if
that office becomes vacant during my term of office.

In testimony of this appointment,
I have signed this certificate and
affix to it the Seal of the State
of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital,
this 14th day of January, A.D.
1986.



William J. Sheffield
Governor

Sec. 44.19.040. Appointment of successor to lieutenant governor. After taking an initial term of office, the governor shall appoint, from among the officers who head the principal departments of the state government or otherwise, a person to succeed to the office of lieutenant governor if the office of lieutenant governor becomes vacant. The appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature meeting in joint session. The person designated and confirmed is next in line for succession to the office of lieutenant governor, subject to the pleasure of the governor. If the person designated and confirmed is removed from or vacates the appointment, the governor shall appoint a successor subject to confirmation in the same manner as the person initially appointed. (§ 2 ch 174 SLA 1959)

Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS 2d, Public Officers and Employees, §§ 109, 44.19.120. Renumbered in 1980. 182, 342, 509, 547.
Collateral references. — 63 Am. Jur. 81A C.J.S., States, §§ 94 to 101.

Sec. 44.19.042. Succession to office. If a vacancy occurs in the office of governor and the regularly elected lieutenant governor succeeds to the office of governor as provided by art. III, § 11, of the constitution, or if the office of lieutenant governor otherwise becomes vacant, the person designated as next successor to the office of lieutenant governor as provided in AS 44.19.040 succeeds to the office of lieutenant governor for the remainder of the term vacated, or until a special election is held. When the person appointed under AS 44.19.040 succeeds to the office of lieutenant governor, the governor shall appoint a person to succeed to the office of lieutenant governor in case of a subsequent vacancy. (§ 3 ch 174 SLA 1959)

Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS 44.19.130 Renumbered in 1980.

Sec. 44.19.044. Special election in case of second vacancy in office of governor. If the regularly elected lieutenant governor succeeds to the office of governor as provided in the constitution and thereafter, during the same regular gubernatorial term, the office of governor again becomes vacant, the appointed lieutenant governor succeeds to the office of acting governor until a special election to elect a governor and lieutenant governor is held. (§ 4 ch 174 SLA 1959)

Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS 44.19.140. Renumbered in 1980. and time of calling special election, see AS 15.40.230.
Cross references. — As to condition

Sec. 44.19.046. Simultaneous vacancies. If vacancies in the office of governor and the office of lieutenant governor occur simultaneously

the person appointed under AS 44.19.040 succeeds to the office of acting governor until successors to the respective offices are elected in a special election. (§ 5 ch 174 SLA 1959)

Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS 44.19.150. Renumbered in 1980. and time of calling special election, see AS 15.40.230.
Cross references. — As to condition

Article 3. Disaster and Emergency Fund

Section	Section
48. Disaster relief fund	50. Definition
49. Grants and loans to municipalities damaged by natural disaster	52. Fuel emergency fund

Revisor's notes. — In 1980, the sections of this chapter were extensively renumbered. For derivations of current sections and current disposition of former sections consult Table at the beginning of Section no. 8.

Sec. 44.19.048. Disaster relief fund. (a) The Governor shall establish a disaster relief fund. The Department of Administration shall be the custodian of the fund.

(b) Subject to the restrictions of (d) and (e) of this section, the Governor may, without additional legislative authorization, expend not more than \$1,000,000 of the assets of the disaster relief fund for the purposes:

(1) to implement provisions of law relating to the case of a disaster as defined in AS 44.19.050 occurring after October 11, 1967;

(2) to alleviate the effects of a disaster as defined in AS 44.19.050 occurring after October 11, 1967, by making loans or grants to municipalities on terms the governor considers appropriate, or by other means the governor considers appropriate.

(c) Subject to the restrictions of (d) and (e) of this section, the Governor may, without additional legislative authorization, expend not more than \$500,000 of the assets of the disaster relief fund to prevent or minimize the effects of an event occurring after October 11, 1967 and which, in the opinion of the governor, poses a direct and imminent threat to the state of sufficient magnitude and severity to justify such expenditure.

(d) Expenditures authorized by the legislature to

Election

SECTION 3. The governor shall be chosen by the qualified voters of the State at a general election. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be governor.

Term of Office

SECTION 4. The term of office of the governor is four years, beginning at noon on the First Monday in December following his election and ending at noon on the first Monday in December four years later.

Limit on Tenure

SECTION 5. No person who has been elected governor for two full successive terms shall be again eligible to hold that office until one full term has intervened.

Dual Office Holding

SECTION 6. The governor shall not hold any other office or position of profit under the United States, the State, or its political subdivisions.

Lieutenant Governor: Duties

SECTION 7. There shall be a lieutenant governor. He shall have the same qualifications as the governor and serve for the same term. He shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by law and as may be delegated to him by the governor.

(The amendment to this section was approved by the voters of the state August 25, 1970 and became effective October 10, 1970. The words "secretary of state" were changed to "lieutenant governor".)

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SECTION 8. The lieutenant governor shall be nominated in the manner provided by law for nominating candidates for other elective offices. In the general election the votes cast for a candidate for governor shall be considered as cast also for the candidate for lieutenant governor running jointly with him. The candidate whose name appears on the ballot jointly with that of the successful candidate for governor shall be elected lieutenant governor.

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SECTION 9. In case of the temporary absence

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Succession: Failure to Qualify

SECTION 10. If the governor-elect dies, resigns, or is disqualified, the lieutenant governor elected with him shall succeed to the office of governor for the full term. If the governor-elect fails to assume office for any other reason, the lieutenant governor elected with him shall serve as acting governor, and shall succeed to the office if the governor-elect does not assume his office within six months of the beginning of the term.

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Vacancy

SECTION 11. In case of a vacancy in the office of governor for any reason, the lieutenant governor shall succeed to the office for the remainder of the term.

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Absence

SECTION 12. Whenever, for a period of six months, a governor has been continuously absent from office or has been unable to discharge the duties of his office by reason of mental or physical disability, the office shall be deemed vacant. The procedure for determining absence and disability shall be prescribed by law.

Further Succession

SECTION 13. Provisions shall be made by law for succession to the office of governor and for an acting governor in the event that the lieutenant governor is unable to succeed to the office or act as governor. No election of a lieutenant governor shall be held except at the time of electing a governor.

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