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**AN ACT**

Creating regional Native housing authorities; and providing for an effective date.

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

\* Section 1. AS 18.55 is amended by adding new sections to read:

**ARTICLE 5. REGIONAL NATIVE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.**

Sec. 18.55.995. PURPOSE AND INTENT. The legislature finds that an acute shortage of housing and related facilities exists in the villages of Alaska and that adequate housing cannot be provided by the private sector due to the economic depression which exists in most villages of Alaska. It is the purpose and intent of the legislature to provide a means for certain Native associations to form public corporations with the powers and duties comparable to the Alaska State Housing Authority for the specific purpose of implementing the President's National Indian Program for Indian Housing, under which the State of Alaska's share initially will be 1,200 new homes in 1972, in the remote housing program.

Sec. 18.55.996. CREATION OF AUTHORITIES. (a) The following associations are given the authority specified in (b) of this section:

- (1) Arctic Slope Native Association (Barrow and Point Hope)
- (2) Bering Straits Association (Seward Peninsula, Unalakleet, St. Lawrence Island)
- (3) Northwest Alaska Native Association (Kotzebue)

(4) Association of Village Council Presidents (southwest coast of Alaska including all villages in the Bethel area and all villages on the Lower Yukon River and Lower Kuskokwim River)

(5) Tanana Chiefs Conference (Koyukuk, the middle and upper Yukon River villages and the upper Kuskokwim and Tanana River villages)

(6) Cook Inlet Association (Kenai, Tyonek, Eklutna and Iliamna)

(7) Bristol Bay Native Association (Dillingham, Upper Alaska Peninsula)

(8) Aleut League (Aleutian Islands, Pribilof Islands and that part of the Alaska Peninsula which is in the Aleut League)

(9) Chugach Native Association (Cordova, Tatitlek, Port Graham, English Bay, Valdez and Seward)

(10) Tlingit-Haida Central Council or Alaska Native Brotherhood (Southeastern Alaska including Metlakatla)

(11) Kodiak Area Native Association (all villages on and around Kodiak Island)

(12) Copper River Native Association (Copper Center, Glennallen, Chitina and Mentasta)

(13) Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.

(b) There is created with respect to each of the associations named in (a) of this section a public body corporate and politic to function in the operating area of the individual associations to be known as the regional housing authority of the associations possessing all powers, rights and functions now or subsequently specified for the Alaska State Housing Authority, under the Alaska State Housing Authority Act (secs. 10 - 290 of this chapter) except those specified with respect to the construction and acquisition of public buildings for lease to the state or any subsequently specified authority which is inconsistent with sec. 995 of this chapter. All obligations or liabilities of the regional housing authorities shall remain their own and shall not be obligations or liabilities of the state.

(c) A housing authority created by this section may not transact business or exercise powers granted to it until the governing body of the named association has, by proper resolution, declared that there is a need for the authority to function, gives it the authority to function and has named its commissioners as provided under (d) of this section.

(d) The governing body of the association in question shall, after determining that they wish to have a regional Native housing authority, appoint five persons to serve as the board of commissioners of the authority.

The term of office of each member is for three years except that of the commissioners first appointed, one shall serve for a term of one year and two shall serve for a term of two years. Vacancies shall be filled by the governing body of the association in question.

(e) Questions arising as to jurisdiction and boundary disputes as a result of the jurisdictional lines set out by (a) of this section shall be resolved by the governing board of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1971.