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AN ACT

Relating to the involvement of young people in local government and school governance; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. PURPOSE. It is the intent of the legislature in enacting this statute to provide an opportunity for the young people of Alaska to become involved in the institutions and processes of local government and school governance comparable to that embodied in legislation under consideration at the 1971 session of the legislature providing for participation in the executive branch of state government.

* Sec. 2. AS 07.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 2. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN BOROUGH GOVERNMENT.

Sec. 07.40.020. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION. A borough assembly may by ordinance create a commission on the involvement of young people in borough government.

Sec. 07.40.021. COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN. The commission may consist of not more than nine members, drawn from fields of public affairs, education, the sciences, the professions, other fields of private endeavor, from the state or local service, and three additional members from the 17 - 22 age group, and shall include women and representatives of minority groups. The members shall be appointed by the borough assembly in the manner prescribed by ordinance without regard to political affiliation and shall serve at the pleasure of that body. One member shall be designated by the assembly as chairman of the commission.

Sec. 07.40.022. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the commission serve without compensation but are

entitled to per diem and travel expenses as may be authorized by ordinance.

Sec. 07.40.023. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission shall establish procedures to enable it to recommend annually to the assembly a group of promising young men and women from whom the assembly may select interns and youth voting members of borough boards and commissions. The commission, in establishing these procedures, shall enlist the aid of borough residents who are actively interested in working with young people. Following adoption of the procedures, the commission shall accept applications from individuals and nominations for consideration, and shall interview all applicants or nominees.

(b) Recommendations of the commission shall be limited to young people who

(1) have a capacity, desire, interest, ability and potential for leadership and service to the community and to the state;

(2) will have attained the age of 17 but not the age of 22 before the beginning of their service.

(c) Annually, the commission shall evaluate the program and shall submit a written report to the assembly.

Sec. 07.40.024. INTERNS. An intern may be appointed to serve on the staff of the assembly or the borough executive for a period of time prescribed by the assembly, with a maximum of one year. He may be assigned responsibilities in any office, department or agency of the borough. Service will begin at a time prescribed by the assembly. Interns shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation. Salaries shall be individually established by the assembly on the basis of prior experience and the responsibilities of the position to which the intern is assigned.

Sec. 07.40.025. APPOINTMENT TO BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 39.05.100 or a provision of law relating to age, the assembly may appoint any 17 - 21 year old borough resident to a borough board or commission if recommended by the borough youth involvement commission.

(b) A young person recommended by the commission may be appointed to borough boards or commissions with special qualifications for membership if the proposed nominee, except for his age, meets the required qualifications set by law.

(c) An individual appointed to a borough board or commission under this section is entitled to the rights, privileges and responsibilities of other members, and his appointment is subject to confirmation by the assembly when required by law. No additional seat on a borough board or commission is created by virtue of secs. 20 - 25 of this chapter.

* Sec. 3. AS 29.95 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 2. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE
IN CITY GOVERNMENT.

Sec. 29.95.020. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION. A city council by ordinance may create a commission on the involvement of young people in city government.

Sec. 29.95.021. COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN. The commission may consist of not more than nine members, drawn from fields of public affairs, education, the sciences, the professions, other fields of private endeavor, from the state or local service, and three additional members from the 17 - 22 age group, and shall include women and representatives of minority groups. The members shall be appointed by the city council in the manner prescribed by ordinance without regard to political affiliation and shall serve at the pleasure of that body. One member shall be designated by the council as chairman of the commission.

Sec. 29.95.022. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses as may be authorized by ordinance.

Sec. 29.95.023. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission shall establish procedures to enable it to recommend annually to the council a group of promising young men and women from whom the council may select interns and youth voting members of city boards and commissions. The commission, in establishing these procedures, shall enlist the aid of city residents who are actively interested in working with young people. Following adoption of the procedures, the commission shall accept applications from individuals and nominations for consideration, and shall interview all applicants or nominees.

(b) Recommendations of the commission shall be limited to young people who

(1) have a capacity, desire, interest, ability and potential for leadership and service to the community and to the state;

(2) will have attained the age of 17 but not the age of 22 before the beginning of their service.

(c) Annually, the commission shall evaluate the program and shall submit a written report to the council.

Sec. 29.95.024. INTERNS. An intern may be appointed to serve on the staff of the council or the city executive for a period of time prescribed by the council, with a maximum of one year. He may be assigned responsibilities in any office, department or agency of the city. Service will begin at a time prescribed by the council. Interns shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation. Salaries shall be individually established by the council on the basis of prior experience and the responsibilities of the position to which the intern is assigned.

Sec. 29.95.025. APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 39.05.100 or a provision

of law relating to age, the council may appoint any 17 - 21 year old city resident to a city board or commission if recommended by the city youth involvement commission.

(b) A young person recommended by the commission may be appointed to city boards or commissions with special qualifications for membership if the proposed nominee, except for his age, meets the required qualifications set by law.

(c) An individual appointed to a borough board or commission under this section is entitled to the rights, privileges and responsibilities of other members, and his appointment is subject to confirmation by the council when required by law. No additional seat on a city board or commission is created by virtue of secs. 20 - 25 of this chapter.

* Sec. 4. AS 14.14 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE
IN SCHOOL GOVERNANCE.

Sec. 14.14.300. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE. A school board may create a committee or other advisory body on the involvement of young people in school governance.

Sec. 14.14.301. COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN. The committee may consist of not more than nine members, drawn from the fields of public affairs, education, the sciences, the professions, other fields of private endeavor, from the state or local service, and three additional members from the 17 - 22 age group, and shall include women and representatives of minority groups. The members shall be appointed by the board in the manner prescribed by the board without regard to political affiliation and shall serve at the pleasure of that body. One member shall be designated by the board as chairman of the committee.

Sec. 14.14.302. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the committee or other advisory body serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses as may be authorized by the board.

Sec. 14.14.303. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE. (a) The committee shall establish procedures to enable it to recommend annually to the board a group of promising young men and women from whom the board may select interns and youth voting members of district committees or other advisory bodies. The committee, in establishing these procedures, shall enlist the aid of district residents who are actively interested in working with young people. Following adoption of the procedures, the committee shall accept applications from individuals and nominations for consideration, and shall interview all applicants or nominees.

(b) Recommendations of the committee shall be limited to young people who

(1) have a capacity, desire, interest, ability and potential for leadership and service to the community and to the state;

(2) will have attained the age of 17 but not the age of 22 before the beginning of their service.

(c) Annually, the committee shall evaluate the program and shall submit a written report to the board.

Sec. 14.14.304. INTERNS. An intern may be appointed to serve on the staff of the board or the district administrator for a period of time prescribed by the board, with a maximum of one year. He may be assigned responsibilities in any office, department or agency of the district. Service will begin at a time prescribed by the board. Interns shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation. Salaries shall be individually established by the board on the basis of prior experience and the responsibilities of the position to which the intern is assigned.

Sec. 14.14.305. APPOINTMENT TO DISTRICT COMMITTEES OR OTHER ADVISORY BODIES. (a) Notwithstanding AS 39.05.-100 or a provision of law relating to age, the board may appoint any 17 - 21 year old district resident to a district committee or advisory body if recommended by the youth involvement committee.

(b) A young person recommended by the committee may be appointed to district committees or advisory bodies with special qualifications for membership if the proposed nominee, except for his age, meets the required qualifications set by law.

(c) An individual appointed to a district committee or advisory body under this section is entitled to the rights, privileges and responsibilities of other members, and his appointment is subject to confirmation by the board when required by law. No additional seat on a district committee or advisory body is created by virtue of secs. 300 - 305 of this chapter.

Sec. 14.14.306. In secs. 300 - 306 of this chapter

(1) "board" means the governing body of a borough or city school district, or the Board of Directors for the State-Operated Schools;

(2) "district" means a borough or city school district or the state-operated school system.

* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.