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AN ACT

Relating to the state museum; creating the state Museum Collections Advisory Committee, providing for its organization, powers and duties; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. AS 14.57 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 14.57.020. MUSEUM COLLECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(a) There is created in the Department of Education the state Museum Collections Advisory Committee consisting of five members appointed by the state Board of Education to serve at the board's pleasure for staggered three-year terms. The appointees shall be broadly representative of the public's interest in the preservation of the human, cultural, natural, archeological, and anthropological history of Alaska. When possible, some of the committee members shall be known for, or possess, special expertise or a culturally relevant background in these aspects of the art and history of the state.

(b) A member appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the unexpired term of the member he succeeds. Of the initial appointees of the board, one shall serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years.

Sec. 14.57.030. OFFICERS; MEETINGS, RULES OF PROCEDURE, QUORUM.

(a) The committee shall elect a chairman from among its members.

(b) The committee shall meet at least once every six months and at the call of its chairman, on petition of a majority of its members, or at the call of the commissioner of education, or the director of the museum, at a mutually convenient time and place both for the members of the committee and for interested members of the public.

(c) The committee shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings. A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum.

Sec. 14.57.040. COMPENSATION; PER DIEM, TRAVEL EXPENSES. The members of the committee serve without compensation, but they are entitled to per diem and travel expenses as authorized by law for boards and commissions.

Sec. 14.57.050. COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT; ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS. (a) On recommendation of the committee, the department shall promulgate regulations governing the museum's in-house acquisitions committee, and the management and disposition of artifacts, natural history specimens, art objects, collections or other items, materials or properties that are owned by, in the custody of, or are proposed for acquisition by, the state museum.

(b) No artifacts, natural history specimens, art objects, collections or other items, materials or properties that relate to the history of Alaska and are appropriate for preservation in the state museum of a value of \$1,000 or more may be acquired by purchase, gift or exchange, or otherwise, nor may any item owned by, or in the custody of, the state museum be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, or otherwise, without the written approval of the committee.

(c) The committee may obtain an independent, professional appraisal of the value of each item to be acquired or disposed of by or for the state museum.

Sec. 14.57.060. ADVISORY DUTIES. The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the state Board of Education as to the general policies and programs of the state museum.

Sec. 14.57.070. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. (a) No committee member may act upon a matter relating to the state museum in which his relationship with another person or with respect to the acquisition or disposition of an item owned by, in the custody of, or proposed to be acquired by or for the state museum creates a conflict of interest. No committee member may

(1) have a pecuniary or property interest in an item that is proposed to be acquired or disposed of by or for the state museum;

(2) have a pecuniary or property interest, directly or indirectly, in a contract to which the museum, or the state on behalf of the museum, is a party; or

(3) receive compensation for services rendered to the state museum as a consultant, expert, appraiser, or otherwise, except as provided in sec. 40 of this chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a committee member may bequeath or donate an item to the state museum.

Sec. 14.57.080. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

(1) "board" means the state Board of Education;

(2) "committee" means the state Museum Collections Advisory Committee;

(3) "department" means the Department of Education.

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1974.