

SENATE BILL NO. 62

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR TOBIN

Introduced: 1/24/25

Referred: State Affairs, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the board of parole; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 33.16.020(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) There is in the Department of Corrections a board of parole consisting of
5 seven [FIVE] members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a
6 majority of members of the legislature in joint session.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 33.16.020(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) Members of the board serve for staggered terms of five years and may not
9 serve more than two terms [UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE APPOINTED].

10 * **Sec. 3.** AS 33.16.030(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 (b) The board consists of seven members, including

12 (1) one licensed physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist;

13 (2) one victim of a crime, family member of a victim of a crime, or a
14 member of a crime victims advocacy group;

15 (3) one member who has experience in providing drug or alcohol

1 addiction recovery support or who has personal experience with drug or alcohol
2 addiction; and

3 (4) one member of a federally recognized tribe in the state.

4 * **Sec. 4.** AS 33.16.030(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) Officers or employees of the state may not be appointed to the board. **Not**
6 **more than three members of the board may be current or former employees of a**
7 **federal or private entity that operates a correctional facility or former employees**
8 **of a state entity that operates a correctional facility.**

9 * **Sec. 5.** AS 33.16.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (d) In this section,

11 (1) "crime" means an offense for which a sentence of imprisonment is
12 authorized; a crime is either a felony or a misdemeanor;

13 (2) "federally recognized tribe" has the meaning given in
14 AS 23.20.520.

15 * **Sec. 6.** AS 33.16 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 **Sec. 33.16.280. Annual report.** (a) Not later than the 30th day following the
17 convening of each regular session of the legislature, the board shall prepare an annual
18 report of its operations and all parole hearings conducted in the preceding calendar
19 year and deliver the report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of
20 representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available. The board shall
21 also deliver the report to the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission and
22 publish the report on its publicly available Internet website. The report must include
23 information on discretionary parole hearings, special medical and geriatric parole
24 hearings, parole revocations, and parole discharges for the preceding calendar year.

25 (b) The information required in the annual report relating to all parole hearings
26 must include

27 (1) the number of each type of hearing held;

28 (2) the number of each type of hearing that resulted in parole being
29 granted, denied, or continued;

30 (3) applicant demographic data, including age, gender, race, and
31 ethnicity, for each type of hearing outcome;

1 (4) data on the applicant's most serious offense and whether a parole
2 request was granted, denied, or continued;

3 (5) a summary of the statutory or regulatory criteria the board most
4 frequently used in making its decisions;

5 (6) data on parole revocations, including specific violations that led to
6 revocation;

7 (7) information on why a parole request was denied;

8 (8) data on the amount of time a person served on parole before a
9 discharge was granted; and

10 (9) the voting record of each member of the board for each type of
11 hearing.

12 * **Sec. 7.** AS 33.16.085(a)(2)(C), 33.16.100(a)(4), and 33.16.100(g)(4) are repealed.

13 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
14 read:

15 **APPLICABILITY.** The repeal of AS 33.16.085(a)(2)(C), 33.16.100(a)(4), and
16 33.16.100(g)(4) by sec. 7 of this Act apply to all parole applications submitted on or after the
17 effective date of this Act for conduct occurring before, on, or after the effective date of this
18 Act.

19 * **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
20 read:

21 **TRANSITION; APPOINTMENTS.** (a) Notwithstanding AS 33.16.020(b), as
22 amended by sec. 2 of this Act, a member of the board on the effective date of this Act who
23 has previously served two or more terms or is currently serving a second term may finish the
24 term to which the member was appointed, but may not be reappointed.

25 (b) Notwithstanding AS 33.16.030(b), as repealed and reenacted by sec. 3 of this Act,
26 a member of the board on the effective date of this Act may continue to serve the term to
27 which the member was appointed.

28 (c) In this section, "board" means the board of parole.

29 * **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.