STATE OF ALASKA=

Ombudsman

Applications for the position of state ombudsman are being accepted by the Ombudsman Selection committee of the Alaska State Legislature.

The ombudsman is an independent, impartial official of the legislative branch readily available to the public. The ombudsman is responsible administratively to the legislature, and is empowered to investigate the acts of administrative agencies of the State of Alaska and to recommend appropriate changes. Goals include safeguarding the rights of persons and promoting higher standards of competency, efficiency, and equity in the provision of state services. The ombudsman is headquartered in Juneau with offices also in Anchorage and Fairbanks. The agency acts as a clearinghouse for complaints by citizens who encounter problems dealing with state agencies, and issues opinions and an annual report on the office's findings. The ombudsman acts as a facilitator in helping negotiate resolutions of legitimate complaints with state agencies.

The ombudsman salary is established by statute at Range 28E, currently \$6,135 per month plus benefits. Appointment is for a five-year term starting July 1, 1986, and ending June 30, 1991. The selection committee makes its recommendation to the legislature. If approved by two-thirds of the membership of the legislature sitting in joint session, and approved by the governor, the appointment is effective.

Applications are a matter of public record and may be made available to the public. Application shall be in the form of a resume including education, work experience and references, and mailed to either Sen. Mitch Abood or Rep. M. Mike Miller, co-chairman of the Ombudsman Selection Committee, the address of which is P.O. Box V, Juneau, AK 99811. Applications must be received by 5 p.m., March 10, 1986. Requests for additional information may be sent to the same addressees.



