

Human Rights Forums

The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights has scheduled a public forum designed to give everyone in the state an opportunity to advise commissioners on how the agency could better serve Alaskans.

Human Rights commissioners are appointed by the governor. Niel Thomas was recently appointed as director of the commission to replace Bill Vaudrin. Thomas has indicated his interest in making the agency have a strong base in law, assuring non-discrimination through enforcement of present laws.

Each session of the coming forum will be preceded by a formal hearing on new regulations

proposed by the commission to streamline its case processing methods. Copies of the rules are available without charge at the Anchorage commission office; 2457 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99503. The following is a schedule of the forum planned to be held in four cities;

Feb. 20 — Romig Junior High School, Anchorage, 7:30 p.m., commissioners Lisa Rudd and Carol Smith will preside; Feb. 25, Alaskaland, Fairbanks, 4 p.m., with Willie Raccliff; Feb. 27 — IBEW hall, Ketchikan with Comm. Roberto Garza; Mar. 5 — Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall, Juneau, 7:30 p.m. with Comm. Garza.