

# Hensley to run for lieutenant governor post

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William Hensley, president of NANA Regional Corp., has announced that he is going to run for lieutenant governor.

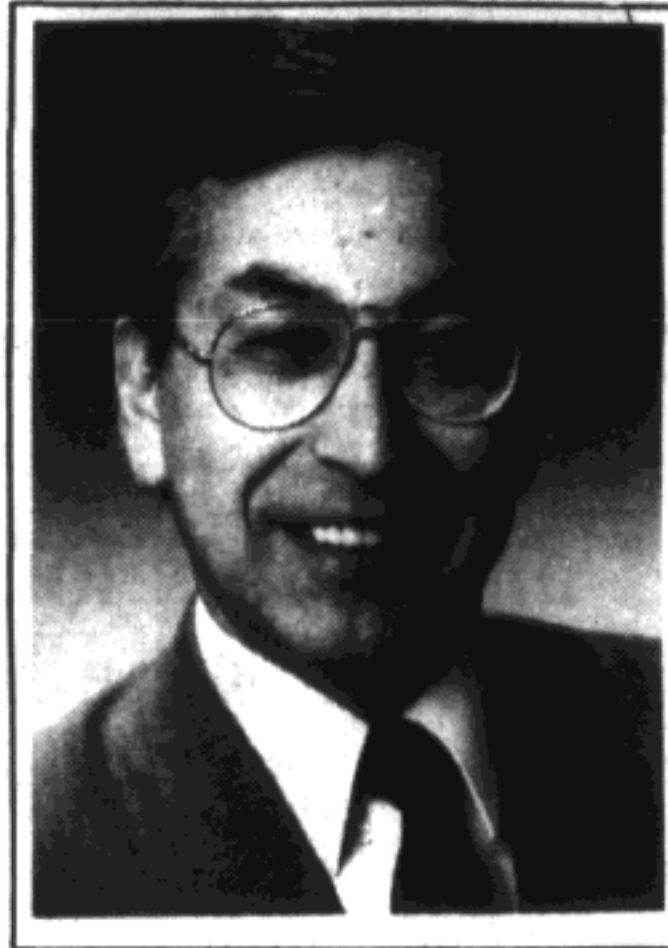
Hensley, a 48-year-old Democrat, served in the Legislature for a total of 10 years, and he also has 18 years of business experience in the state. An Inupiat Eskimo, Hensley is originally from Kotzebue.

Hensley said with that type of experience, he can put it to good use while working with the governor and the Legislature.

From 1966 to 1970 Hensley was elected to the State House of Representatives. And from 1971 until 1974 he was elected to the Alaska State Senate.

Most recently, Hensley served in the Senate from 1986 until 1989. During that time, he served on the the State Finance Committee, he was chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Suicide Prevention and he was chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Educational Performance.

From working on those committees, Hensley said he has a lot of experience working with social issues and has



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made efforts toward better education for youth and finding solutions to ease severe drug and alcohol problems in the state.

Hensley is also concerned about Alaska's future. He said he would like to participate in determining state policy for the future. He said he is also concerned about Prudhoe Bay and its oil declines.

"I think there are some difficulties ahead for the state, but there are some opportunities that also need to be pursued," Hensley said.

Not only does he have concerns about social issues around the state but he said he wants to help create more jobs.

Hensley is also a founding member and past president of the Alaska Federation of Natives. And Hensley is also chairman of the board of directors of the *Tundra Times*.

Hensley and his wife Abbe have four children.

John J. Williams, mayor of the city of Kenai, has also announced that he has filed for the Democratic nomination to the office of lieutenant governor.

Williams, 50, has been active in the political process in Alaska since 1962. In 1966 he made his first bid for a seat in the Legislature from Fairbanks. While unsuccessful at that time, he has served in a variety of political positions, including the State Central Committee. Also, he was twice elected as mayor of Kenai.

He is past secretary treasurer to the



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Alaska Conference of Mayors, and he now serves as president of that organization.

Williams has also been appointed by two governors to serve on the Alaska State Job Training Council and has an active past in the labor movement in Alaska.

Williams and his wife Sharon have four children.