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Sectional Analysis

Section 1: Amends AS 18.62.010

This change clarifies a current exemption, allowing employees of electric utilities that serve rural, remote communities with a population under 2,500 to perform electrical work without a Certificate of Fitness. The clarification focuses on two criteria: first, it ensures that the existing exemption applies to portions of service areas that are not electrically interconnected and under 2,500 population; second, it ensures that the exemption applies to municipal or tribal government employees working on behalf of the utility.

Section 2: Defines “qualified employee”

This section adopts a definition based on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulation for application of the term “qualified employees” in Section 1.