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SENATE BILL 51

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERMINATION DATE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 51 extends the termination date of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association until June 30, 2017.

The Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association includes members of the public who sit on the Board as well as the discipline and fee arbitration panels.

The Board consists of twelve (12) members, nine (9) attorney members and three (3) non-attorney citizen members. The citizen members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature, the nine attorney members are elected by their peers.

The Board serves the public by ensuring that individuals licensed to practice law are qualified, that a forum is available for review of complaints, and that disciplinary actions are taken as necessary.