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## **House Bill 227 – ELECTRIC UTILITY LIABILITY**

### **Sectional Analysis**

Section 1: Amends AS 09.65 by adding a new section. Ensures a utility offering services to the public may not be held liable for property damage, death, or personal injury if vegetation outside the utility's right-of-way falls onto a utility's facilities unless the utility caused the vegetation to fall. It also allows a utility to remove vegetation if the trunk straddles the right of way.

Section 2: Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska. This section outlines that the act will apply to civil lawsuits against electric utilities filed on or after the effective date.