

HOUSE BILL NO. 501

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Labor and Commerce, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring competition in local exchange telephone service."

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 42.05 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 ARTICLE 10. COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

5 Sec. 42.05.750. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

6 (1) competition in the market for local exchange telephone service will
7 increase choices available to customers and reduce the cost of local exchange
8 telephone service; accordingly, the state encourages competition in the local exchange
9 telecommunications market and encourages the commission to replace the current
10 regulatory framework with a fully competitive telecommunications marketplace
11 statewide;

12 (2) facilities-based, local exchange telephone service should be provided
13 competitively throughout the state;

14 (3) technological advances, reduced costs, and increased consumer
15 choices for local exchange telephone service, resulting from the adoption of an

1 appropriate competitive market structure, will enhance the state's economic
2 development;

3 (4) the commission should oversee competition in local exchange
4 telephone service to ensure that the competition is fair to consumers and competitors.

5 Sec. 42.05.760. COMPETITION. The commission shall provide for
6 competition in local exchange telephone service in a timely manner and shall adopt
7 regulations that eliminate inappropriate impediments to entry for local exchange
8 carriers fit, willing, and able to provide service.