

HOUSE BILL NO. 122

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

Introduced: 2/9/01

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to electric and telephone cooperatives, including expansion activities**
2 **and political activities of electric and telephone cooperatives; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 10.25.010 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

6 (c) An electric or telephone cooperative may only include the cost of
7 expansion activity in its rates to a member if the cooperative, before including the cost
8 in the rates,

9 (1) advised its members that a portion of the rates would be used for
10 expansion activities;

11 (2) identified for members how much of the rate would be used for
12 expansion activities;

13 (3) advised members that the cooperative would not discriminate
14 against or refuse to serve a member who opposed including the cost of expansion

1 activity in rates; and

2 (4) received approval of a majority of the cooperative's board of
3 directors for including the cost of expansion activity in rates.

4 (d) An electric or telephone cooperative may only include the cost of political
5 activity in its rates to a member if the cooperative, before including the cost in the
6 rates,

7 (1) advised its members that a portion of the rates would be used for
8 political activities;

9 (2) identified for members how much of the rate would be used for
10 political activities;

11 (3) advised members that the cooperative would not discriminate
12 against or refuse to serve a member who opposed including the cost of political
13 activity in rates; and

14 (4) received approval of a majority of the cooperative's board of
15 directors for including the cost of political activity in rates.

16 (e) This section may not be construed to modify or change the provisions of
17 AS 15.13.074 or AS 42.05.381(a).

18 (f) In this section,

19 (1) "expansion activity" means an activity that is intended to attract
20 customers for service to an electric or telephone cooperative from customers of
21 another public utility;

22 (2) "political activity" means an activity intended to advocate for a
23 political or policy position not directly related to the certificated services of the
24 cooperative.

25 * **Sec. 2.** AS 42.05.381 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 (k) A telephone or electric cooperative may only include the cost of expansion
27 activity or political activity, as defined in AS 10.25.010, in its rates if it has complied
28 with AS 10.25.010.

29 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).