

**HOUSE BILL NO. 426**

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

**BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER**

**Introduced: 2/13/02**  
**Referred: State Affairs**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act requiring state agencies to provide for electronic submission of forms and**  
2 **relating to annual reports of state agencies."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 44.99.025. Provision for electronic submission of state forms.** (a) A  
6 state agency shall provide for the electronic submission of all forms used by the  
7 agency, whether the forms are submitted to the agency by other persons or used only  
8 within the agency itself. This subsection applies to forms used for applications,  
9 requests, permits, or other purposes.

10 (b) The department of administration may exempt a form used by an agency  
11 of the executive branch from the requirement of (a) of this section if the department  
12 finds that providing for electronic submission of the form would be technically  
13 infeasible or fiscally irresponsible. Upon application by an agency in the legislative  
14 branch, the Alaska Legislative Council may exempt a form from the requirement of

1 (a) of this section if the council finds that providing for electronic submission of the  
2 form would be technically infeasible or fiscally irresponsible. For purposes of this  
3 subsection, providing for electronic submission of a form is fiscally irresponsible  
4 when the initial cost of setting up the electronic system is greater than the present  
5 value of the savings that would result from the electronic submission of the form  
6 during the estimated time the system would be used.

7 (c) In this section, "agency" means an administrative office of the legislative  
8 branch or a department, board, commission, division, public corporation, or other unit  
9 of the executive branch, including the University of Alaska.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 44.99.215. Annual reports.** A state agency that prepares an annual  
12 report shall make the report accessible electronically on-line. The state agency may  
13 not distribute printed copies of the annual report except

- 14 (1) as required by another provision of law;  
15 (2) when a printed copy is specifically requested; or  
16 (3) when a printed copy is sold for an amount that is sufficient to cover  
17 the per copy cost of producing the report.