

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/16/07

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE RAMRAS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring retail suppliers of electricity to disclose sources of electricity to**
2 **consumers."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that there is a need for reliable,
7 accurate, and timely information regarding fuel sources for electric generation offered for
8 retail sale in the state.

9 (b) The purpose of this Act is to establish a program under which entities offering
10 electrical services in the state disclose reliable, accurate, and easily understandable
11 information on the sources of energy that are used to provide electrical services.

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 42.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 **Sec. 42.05.695. Electrical generation sources disclosure.** (a) A retail supplier
14 that makes an offering to sell electricity that is consumed in the state shall annually

1 disclose the sources of the electricity to consumers. The time and manner for
2 disclosure by retail suppliers shall be established by regulation by the Regulatory
3 Commission of Alaska.

4 (b) The cost of making the disclosures required by this section shall be
5 considered to be generation-related.

6 (c) An electric utility that does not gross more than \$5,000,000 annually is
7 exempt from the provisions of this section.

8 * **Sec. 3.** AS 42.05.711(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and in (o) of this section,
10 public utilities owned and operated by a political subdivision of the state, or electric
11 operating entities established as the instrumentality of two or more public utilities
12 owned and operated by political subdivisions of the state, are exempt from this
13 chapter, other than AS 42.05.221 - 42.05.281, 42.05.385, and 42.05.695 [AND
14 42.05.385]. However,

15 (1) the governing body of a political subdivision may elect to be
16 subject to this chapter; and

17 (2) a utility or electric operating entity that is owned and operated by a
18 political subdivision and that directly competes with another utility or electric
19 operating entity is subject to this chapter and any other utility or electric operating
20 entity owned and operated by the political subdivision is also subject to this chapter;
21 this paragraph does not apply to a utility or electric operating entity owned and
22 operated by a political subdivision that competes with a telecommunications utility.

23 * **Sec. 4.** AS 42.05.711(h) is amended to read:

24 (h) A cooperative organized under AS 10.25 may elect to be exempt from the
25 provisions of this chapter, other than AS 42.05.221 - 42.05.281 and 42.05.695, under
26 the procedure described in AS 42.05.712.