



AMENDMENT #2

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TO: CSSB 123(RBE)

- 1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act": *(title amendment)*
- 2 Insert "relating to electric and telephone cooperatives; relating to telephone
- 3 service and related telecommunications services;"
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- 5 Page 1, following line 6:
- 6 Insert new bill sections to read:
- 7 **** Section 1.** AS 10.15.005 is amended to read:
- 8 **Sec. 10.15.005. Purposes for which cooperatives may be organized.** A
- 9 cooperative may be organized under this chapter for any lawful purpose, except for the
- 10 purpose of banking or insurance or the furnishing of electric or telephone or a related
- 11 telecommunications service.
- 12 *** Sec. 2.** AS 10.15.575(a) is amended to read:
- 13 (a) A person other than a cooperative association incorporated under this
- 14 chapter or a previous law of the state may not use the term "cooperative," or any
- 15 variation of the term, as part of its corporate or other business name or title. However,
- 16 this section does not apply to cooperatives organized to generate and transmit electric
- 17 energy and power or to furnish electric or telephone or a related telecommunications
- 18 service.
- 19 *** Sec. 3.** AS 10.15.585 is amended to read:
- 20 **Sec. 10.15.585. Application of chapter.** This chapter applies to the fullest
- 21 extent permitted by the laws and constitution of the United States and of the state to all
- 22 existing cooperative associations incorporated under a previously existing law of the
- 23 state relating to incorporation of cooperative associations. However, this section does

1 not apply to cooperatives organized to generate and transmit electric energy and power
2 or to furnish electric or telephone or a related telecommunications service.

3 * **Sec. 4.** AS 10.25.010(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, an electric or telephone
5 cooperative may

6 (1) sue and be sued in its corporate name;

7 (2) have perpetual existence;

8 (3) adopt a corporate seal and alter it;

9 (4) construct, buy, lease, or otherwise acquire, and equip, maintain,
10 and operate, and sell, assign, convey, lease, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of
11 or encumber lands, buildings, structures, electric or telephone lines or systems, dams,
12 plants and equipment, and any other real or personal property, tangible or intangible,
13 that is necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the purpose for which the
14 cooperative is organized;

15 (5) buy, lease, or otherwise acquire, and use, and exercise and sell,
16 assign, convey, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of or encumber franchises,
17 rights, privileges, licenses, and easements;

18 (6) borrow money and otherwise contract indebtedness, and issue
19 evidences of indebtedness, and secure the payment of the indebtedness by mortgage,
20 pledge, or deed of trust of, or any other encumbrance upon its real or personal
21 property, assets, franchises, or revenues;

22 (7) construct, maintain, and operate electric transmission and
23 distribution lines [,] or telephone or related telecommunications service lines along,
24 on [UPON], under and across publicly owned lands and public thoroughfares,
25 including, without limitation, all roads, highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and
26 causeways;

27 (8) exercise the power of eminent domain;

28 (9) become a member of other cooperatives or corporations or own
29 stock in them;

30 (10) conduct its business and exercise its powers inside or outside the
31 state;

- 1 (11) adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws;
- 2 (12) make all contracts necessary, convenient, or appropriate for the
3 full exercise of its powers;
- 4 (13) make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific,
5 or educational purposes;
- 6 (14) do and perform any other act and thing, and have and exercise any
7 other power that may be necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the
8 purpose for which the cooperative is organized.

9 * **Sec. 5.** AS 10.25.030(a) is amended to read:

- 10 (a) A telephone cooperative may
- 11 (1) furnish, improve, and expand telephone or [SERVICE AND]
12 related telecommunications service to its members [,] and to other users not in excess
13 of 10 percent of the number of its members; however, telephone or a related
14 telecommunications service may be made available by a cooperative through
15 interconnection of facilities to any number of subscribers of other telephone or
16 related telecommunications systems, and through pay stations to any number of
17 users, and a cooperative that [WHICH] acquires existing telephone facilities or
18 related telecommunications facilities may continue service to persons, not exceeding
19 40 percent of the number of its members, who are already receiving service from the
20 facilities without requiring them to become members, and these persons may become
21 members on [UPON] terms as may be prescribed in the bylaws;
- 22 (2) connect and interconnect its telephone or related
23 telecommunications service lines, facilities, or systems with other telephone or
24 related telecommunications service lines, facilities, or systems;
- 25 (3) make its facilities available to persons furnishing telephone or
26 related telecommunications service inside or outside the state.

27 * **Sec. 6.** AS 10.25.040(a) is amended to read:

- 28 (a) The name of a cooperative must include the words "electric," [OR]
29 "telephone," "telecommunications," or "telecom," as appropriate to its purpose, and
30 "cooperative" or "association," and the abbreviation "Inc." ["INC."]

31 * **Sec. 7.** AS 10.25.080(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) Each incorporator of a cooperative shall be a member of the cooperative or
 2 of another cooperative that is a member of it. A person may not become a member
 3 unless that person agrees to use electric energy, [OR] telephone or a related
 4 telecommunications service, or other services furnished by the cooperative when they
 5 are made available through its facilities.

6 * **Sec. 8.** AS 10.25.090(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) An annual meeting of the members of a cooperative shall be conducted as
 8 [HELD AT THE TIME AND PLACE] provided in the bylaws of the cooperative. An
 9 annual meeting of the members of a cooperative that has been divided into districts as
 10 provided for in AS 10.25.190 may consist of separate annual meetings of the members
 11 of each district. Unless prohibited by the articles or bylaws of the cooperative, the
 12 members of a cooperative may conduct an annual meeting by teleconference or
 13 another means of communication that ensures all members participating can
 14 hear each other during the meeting.

15 * **Sec. 9.** AS 10.25.090(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) An annual meeting of district delegates of a cooperative shall be
 17 conducted as [HELD AT THE TIME AND PLACE] provided in the bylaws of the
 18 cooperative.

19 * **Sec. 10.** AS 10.25.100 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 10.25.100. Notice of meetings.** Except as otherwise provided in this
 21 chapter, or the articles or bylaws of a cooperative, written notice stating the time
 22 and place of each meeting of the members or district delegates shall be given to each
 23 member or district delegate, in person [EITHER PERSONALLY] or by mail,
 24 electronic mail, or text message, not less than 15 days nor [OR] more than 60 days
 25 before the date of the meeting. Notice of a special meeting of the members, together
 26 with notice of the purpose for which the meeting is called, shall be given to each
 27 member or district delegate [, EITHER] personally or by mail, electronic mail, or
 28 text message, not less than 90 days nor [OR] more than 120 days before the date of
 29 the meeting. If mailed, notice is considered given when the notice [IT] is deposited in
 30 the United States mail with postage prepaid addressed to the member or district
 31 delegate at the address of the member or delegate as the address [IT] appears on the

1 records of the cooperative. When sent by text or electronic mail, notice is
2 considered given when the notice is sent to the member's telephone number, if the
3 telephone is capable of receiving text messages, or the electronic mailing address
4 on record with the cooperative.

5 * Sec. 11. AS 10.25.110(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Unless the bylaws prescribe the presence of a greater percentage or number
7 of the members for a quorum, a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings
8 of the members of a cooperative or the members of a district of a cooperative having
9 not more than 1,000 members is five percent of all members [, PRESENT IN
10 PERSON], and a quorum for the transaction of business of the members of a
11 cooperative or the members of a district of a cooperative having more than 1,000
12 members is 50 members [, PRESENT IN PERSON]. If less than a quorum is present,
13 or is considered present under (c) of this section, at a meeting, a majority of those
14 present, or considered present under (c) of this section [IN PERSON] may adjourn
15 the meeting from time to time without further notice.

16 * Sec. 12. AS 10.25.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 (c) Unless prohibited by the articles or bylaws, a member or delegate who
18 votes on a matter by electronic communication received or mail postmarked before a
19 meeting begins is considered to have attended the meeting for the matter on which the
20 member or delegate voted.

21 * Sec. 13. AS 10.25.175(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) A meeting of the board of directors may be attended by members of the
23 cooperative. Except when voice votes are authorized, a vote shall be conducted in such
24 a manner that the members may know the vote of each person entitled to vote. The
25 board of directors may conduct a meeting by teleconference, or another means of
26 communication that ensures all participating directors can hear each other
27 during the meeting, [OR SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT] if the
28 board gives reasonable notice of the meeting and if members of the cooperative are
29 able to attend the meeting sites and hear the meeting. This section applies only to a
30 meeting at which a quorum of the board participates.

31 * Sec. 14. AS 10.25.175(c) is amended to read:

1 (c) The following excepted subjects may be discussed in an executive session:

2 (1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an
3 adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative;

4 (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of a
5 person; however, the person may request a public discussion;

6 (3) matters discussed with an attorney for the cooperative, the
7 immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position of
8 the cooperative;

9 **(4) personnel matters.**

10 * **Sec. 15.** AS 10.25.290(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) A corporation organized under the laws of the state and supplying or
12 having the corporate power to supply electric energy [,] or to furnish telephone **or a**
13 **related telecommunications** service [,] may be converted into a cooperative by
14 complying with the requirements of this section and thereupon becomes subject to this
15 chapter as if originally organized under this chapter.

16 * **Sec. 16.** AS 10.25.430 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 10.25.430. Validity of mortgage under Rural Electrification Act [OF**
18 **1936].** A mortgage made by a cooperative organized under this chapter to the United
19 States of America, or an agency or instrumentality of it, to secure indebtedness
20 incurred under **7 U.S.C. 901 - 950bb-2** [7 U.S.C. 901 - 950B] (Rural Electrification
21 Act [OF 1936]), as amended, is not void as against creditors of the mortgagor and
22 subsequent purchasers and encumbrancers of the property in good faith for value
23 because the mortgage is not accompanied by an affidavit of the parties to it, or an
24 affidavit of the agent or attorney-in-fact of a party to it, that the mortgage is made in
25 good faith to secure the amount named, and without a design to hinder, delay or
26 defraud creditors. A mortgage made by a cooperative organized under this chapter to
27 the United States of America, or an agency or instrumentality of it to secure
28 indebtedness incurred under **7 U.S.C. 901 - 950bb-2** [7 U.S.C. 901 - 950B] (Rural
29 Electrification Act [OF 1936]), as amended, need not set **out** [FORTH] the date upon
30 which the indebtedness secured by it becomes due.

31 * **Sec. 17.** AS 10.25.460 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 10.25.460. Registered office and registered agent.** Each cooperative
2 shall have and continuously maintain in the state a registered

3 (1) office, which may be, but need not be, the same as the location of
4 the principal office;

5 (2) agent who is **either** an individual resident in the state [AND]
6 whose business office is identical with the registered office **or a domestic or foreign**
7 **corporation authorized to transact business in the state whose business office is**
8 **identical with the registered office.**

9 * **Sec. 18.** AS 10.25.810 is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 10.25.810. Purpose.** Cooperative, nonprofit, membership corporations
11 may be organized under this chapter for the purpose of supplying electric energy or
12 telephone **or a related telecommunications** service and promoting and extending the
13 use of these services.

14 * **Sec. 19.** AS 10.25.820 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 10.25.820. Chapter extended to existing cooperatives.** This chapter
16 applies to all nonprofit cooperatives organized under any other law of the state for the
17 purpose of supplying electric energy and power, or telephone **or a related**
18 **telecommunications** service, to its members, or for the purpose of promoting and
19 extending the use of electric energy and power [,] or telephone **or a related**
20 **telecommunications** service. These cooperatives are subject to this chapter as if
21 originally organized under it.

22 * **Sec. 20.** AS 10.25.840 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

23 (6) "related telecommunications service" means

24 (A) the transmission and reception of messages, impressions,
25 pictures, and signals by means of electricity, electromagnetic waves, or any
26 other source of energy, force variations, or impulses, whether conveyed by
27 cable, wire, radiated through space, or transmitted through other media; or

28 (B) a service capable of electronically generating, acquiring,
29 storing, transforming, processing, retrieving, utilizing, or making available
30 information, through the use of broadband Internet access, data center services,
31 information technology, or other technology services."

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2 Page 1, line 7:

3 Delete "Section 1"

4 Insert "Sec. 21"

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6 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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8 Page 10, following line 27:

9 Insert a new bill section to read:

10 **"* Sec. 22. AS 10.25.030(b) and 10.25.400(e) are repealed."**

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12 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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14 Page 10, line 31, following "by":

15 Insert "sec. 21 of"

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17 Page 11, line 3:

18 Delete "Section 2"

19 Insert "Sections 1 - 20, 22, and 23"

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21 Page 11, line 4:

22 Delete "sec. 3"

23 Insert "sec. 24"