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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 379

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Alaska Educational and Public  
7 Broadcasting Commission; providing for its functions  
8 and powers; and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 44.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 4. ALASKA EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING  
12 COMMISSION.

13 Sec. 44.33.140. CREATION, MEMBERSHIP, AND TERM OF OFFICE. (a)

14 There is created in the Department of Commerce the Alaska Educational  
15 and Public Broadcasting Commission. One member of the commission shall  
16 represent each of the following groups or organizations: the Board of  
17 Regents of the University of Alaska; the Alaska Department of Education;  
18 Alaska Association of Broadcasters; the Alaska Federation of Natives;  
19 the Alaska Labor Council; the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce; and the  
20 Alaska Bar Association. Each group shall establish its own procedure  
21 for selecting a representative.

22 (b) The members of the commission shall serve staggered terms of  
23 five years, with the first determination to be by lot.

24 Sec. 44.33.150. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Members of the  
25 commission receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and travel  
26 expenses authorized by law for other commissions.

27 Sec. 44.33.160. PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION. The commission is  
28 created to encourage and supervise the initial development of educa-  
29 tional and public broadcasting, and to provide for regulation of future

1 educational and public broadcasting.

2 Sec. 44.33.170. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission  
3 shall

4 (1) control and supervise the use of broadcasting channels  
5 reserved by the Federal Communications Commission for noncommercial  
6 and educational purposes;

7 (2) initiate or receive for review and approval all applica-  
8 tions for educational and public broadcasting licenses submitted to  
9 the Federal Communications Commission for or on behalf of an elementary  
10 or secondary public school system, community college, institution of  
11 higher learning, private educational institution, nonprofit community  
12 or municipal organization in the state;

13 (3) initiate or receive for review and approval all applica-  
14 tions for federal, state, or private funds if the applications involve  
15 any form of educational or public broadcasting;

16 (4) receive all federal, state or private funds, property,  
17 or assistance that may be appropriated, granted, or otherwise made  
18 available to the commission for educational and public broadcasting  
19 purposes at all levels of education after dispersal by the legislature  
20 and shall use and disburse funds and property for purposes consistent  
21 with the terms of secs. 140 - 190 of this chapter, subject to reasonable  
22 limitations imposed by the grantor;

23 (5) provide consultative services in all aspects of educa-  
24 tional and public broadcasting to all public or private agencies in the  
25 state who request them;

26 (6) serve as a library and clearinghouse for information on  
27 broadcasting for educational and public purposes;

28 (7) perform all other functions necessary to insure the  
29 orderly and coordinated development of educational and public broad-

1 casting in the state.

2 (b) The commission may

3 (1) employ all consultative, technical and clerical per-  
4 sonnel necessary for the implementation of secs. 140 - 190 of this  
5 chapter within the limits of available funds;

6 (2) employ a director, who shall be directly responsible to  
7 the commission in financial and administrative matters;

8 (3) lease, purchase, construct, own, operate, manage, and  
9 be the licensee of educational broadcasting stations, production centers,  
10 and all other related equipment and facilities for the production and  
11 transmission of open circuit, closed circuit, 2,500 Megahertz, and  
12 other transmission means necessary to provide fully effective educa-  
13 tional and public broadcasting in the state.

14 Sec. 44.33.180. SCHOOL DISTRICT BROADCASTING. Nothing in secs.  
15 140 - 190 of this chapter may be construed so as to restrict or  
16 control school district broadcasting stations operating or licensed in  
17 the state.

18 Sec. 44.33.190. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 140 - 180 of this chapter

19 (1) "commission" means the Alaska Educational and Public  
20 Broadcasting Commission;

21 (2) "public" shall be construed in this act as nonprofit  
22 public;

23 (3) "school district" means any city or borough school  
24 district, but does not include schools in the state-operated school  
25 district;

26 (4) educational and public broadcasting includes, but is  
27 not limited to, television and radio transmission, transmission by  
28 2,500 Megahertz, closed circuit or microwave video and audio pro-  
29 gramming, slow-scan television programming, teletype or facsimile

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transmission, and distribution methods, when such transmission,  
programming and distribution is intended to serve a noncommercial  
public or educational purpose.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval  
or on the day it becomes law without approval.