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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 601

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to constructing and equipping
7 libraries in rural communities."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.56 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 14.56.090. GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING LIBRARIES.

11 The division of state libraries shall administer a program providing
12 for grants to rural communities for constructing and equipping community
13 libraries according to the provisions of secs. 100 - 130 of this chap-
14 ter.

15 Sec. 14.56.100. APPLICATION FOR GRANTS. (a) A rural community
16 desiring to receive the benefits of the grants provided for in sec. 90
17 of this chapter shall apply to the division of state libraries. If the
18 rural community is within a borough with area-wide library powers, the
19 borough may apply on behalf of the community.

20 (b) To be eligible for a grant under secs. 90 - 130 of this
21 chapter, the applicant shall provide not less than 10 per cent of the
22 total cost of the project for which the funds are granted. The remain-
23 ing percentage shall be provided by the state. The matching share of
24 the applicant may be in the form of money, land, services, or other
25 items acceptable to the division of state libraries. Satisfactory
26 assurance of the continuation of library services shall be included
27 as part of the application.

28 Sec. 14.56.110. OWNERSHIP OF FACILITY. Title to a library
29 constructed under secs. 90 - 130 of this chapter shall be in the

1 applicant unless the applicant is an unincorporated city, in which case
2 the state shall retain title until the time of any subsequent incorpora-
3 tion.

4 Sec. 14.56.120. REGULATIONS. The division of state libraries
5 shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of secs. 90
6 130 of this chapter.

7 Sec. 14.56.130. RURAL COMMUNITY DEFINED FOR SECS. 90 - 120 OF
8 THIS CHAPTER. For the purpose of secs. 90 - 120 of this chapter,
9 "rural community" means any community except a first or second class
10 city of over 2,000 population.