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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 529

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the regents of the University of
7 Alaska."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.40.120 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 14.40.120. UNIVERSITY GOVERNED BY BOARD OF REGENTS. The
11 University of Alaska shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting
12 of 11 [EIGHT] regents.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.140 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 14.40.140. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office of a regent is
15 five [EIGHT] years. The term of office begins on the first Monday in
16 February of the year in which the appointment is made. Each regent
17 serves until his successor is appointed and qualifies. No regent may
18 serve more than two full five-year terms. However, if a regent is
19 appointed to fill an unexpired term, he may complete that term and be
20 reappointed to two successive full five-year terms. A regent who has
21 completed two full five-year terms may not be reappointed to the board
22 until one year has elapsed. No regent may serve more than two consecu-
23 tive years as president of the board.

24 * Sec. 3. AS 14.40.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 (b) In filling two seats on the Board of Regents, the governor
26 shall consider for appointment candidates from among a list of not
27 less than three nominees presented by the governing bodies of each of
28 the private two-year and four-year institutions of higher education in
29 the state.

1 * Sec. 4. AS 14.40.200 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 14.40.200. QUORUM. No corporate business may be transacted
3 at any meeting of the Board of Regents unless at least seven [FIVE]
4 regents are present, the majority of the whole board to approve the
5 same.

6 * Sec. 5. In enacting AS 14.40.150(b), the legislature intends to en-
7 courage and assist in the implementation of consortium arrangements between
8 the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska and the governing bodies
9 of the private two-year and four-year institutions of higher education in
10 the state. In the pursuit of excellence in higher education consistent with
11 the stated objectives of the respective higher education institutions in
12 the state and the financial resources available to them, these consortia
13 are cooperative arrangements for the maximum, joint development of opportuni-
14 ties in higher education that are employed to ensure the sensible elimination
15 of unnecessary duplicate programs and the full utilization of presently
16 available and future higher education facilities wherever they may exist.
17 The full, effective implementation of these consortia requires that the voice
18 of those interested in, and concerned with, the maintenance, growth and
19 progress of private higher education in cooperation with public higher educa-
20 tion in Alaska be heard in a direct and meaningful manner on the governing
21 body of the statewide public university system.

22 * Sec. 6. A regent who on the effective date of this Act has served five
23 years of his current appointment is terminated 30 days after that date. The
24 vacancies thus created shall be filled by the appointment of two regents for
25 one-year terms and two regents for five-year terms to preserve the staggered
26 terms of office.