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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 605
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 meetings of the Board of
7 Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing
8 for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 14.40.202. BOARD MEETINGS PUBLIC, MEETING NOTICE, PUBLIC
12 FACILITIES. (a) All meetings of the Board of Regents, its committees
13 or subcommittees, are open to the public except as otherwise provided
14 in AS 44.62.310(c). The provisions of AS 44.62.310 - 44.62.312 apply
15 to the meetings of the board.

16 (b) Thirty days notice is required for all regular meetings and
17 10 days notice is required for special meetings of the board, its
18 committees or subcommittees called under the bylaws or rules of pro-
19 cedure of the board.

20 (c) The Board of Regents shall provide adequate facilities for
21 members of the public to attend the meetings of the board, its com-
22 mittees or subcommittees.

23 * Sec. 2. AS 44.62.310(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) All meetings of a board of regents or of an administrative
25 body, board, commission, committee, subcommittee, authority, council,
26 agency, or other organization, including subordinate units of the above
27 groups, of the state or any of its political subdivisions, including
28 but not limited to municipalities, boroughs, school boards, and all
29 other boards, agencies, assemblies, councils, departments, divisions,

1 bureaus, commissions or organizations, advisory or otherwise, of the
2 state or local government supported in whole or in part by public
3 money or authorized to spend public money, are open to the public
4 except as otherwise provided by this section.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 44.62 is amended by adding a new section in Article 6 to
6 read:

7 Sec. 44.62.312. STATE POLICY REGARDING MEETINGS. (a) It is the
8 policy of the state that

9 (1) the governmental units mentioned in sec. 310(a) of this
10 chapter exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business;

11 (2) it is the intent of the law that actions of those units
12 be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly;

13 (3) the people of this state do not yield their sovereignty
14 to the agencies which serve them;

15 (4) the people, in delegating authority, do not give their
16 public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know
17 and what is not good for them to know;

18 (5) the people's right to remain informed shall be protected
19 so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

20 (b) Sec. 310(b)(1) of this chapter shall be construed narrowly
21 in order to effectuate the policy stated in (a) of this section and
22 avoid unnecessary executive sessions.

23 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and
24 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.
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