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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 315

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to membership and jurisdiction of the  
7 Alaska Public Utilities Commission."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 42.05.020(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The Alaska Public Utilities Commission consists of five  
11 [THREE] members, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legisla-  
12 ture in joint session assembled.

13 \* Sec. 2. AS 42.05.030(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) A vacancy arising in the office of commissioner shall be  
15 filled by appointment by the governor from a list of four candidates,  
16 two submitted by the speaker of the house and two by the president of  
17 the senate, and confirmed by the legislature in joint session and an  
18 appointee selected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the balance  
19 of the full term for which his predecessor on the commission was  
20 appointed.

21 \* Sec. 3. AS 42.05.040 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 42.05.040. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. Members shall be quali-  
23 fied as follows: one member shall be a graduate of an accredited  
24 school of law; one member shall be a graduate of an accredited university  
25 with a major in engineering; one member shall be a graduate of an  
26 accredited university with a major in finance, accounting, or business  
27 administration; and two members shall be consumers.

28 \* Sec. 4. AS 42.05.071 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 42.05.071. QUORUM Three [TWO] members of the commission

1 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, for the performance  
2 of a duty, or for the exercise of a power of the commission.

3 \* Sec. 5. The two consumer seats on the commission created by this Act  
4 shall be treated as vacancies and filled for a full term in the manner pre-  
5 scribed in AS 42.05.030(b).

6 \* Sec. 6. AS 42.05.141 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 42.05.141. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The  
8 Alaska Public Utilities Commission may

9 (1) regulate every public utility engaged or proposing to  
10 engage in such a business inside the state, [EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT EX-  
11 EMPTED BY SEC. 711 OF THIS CHAPTER] and the powers of the commission  
12 shall be liberally construed to accomplish its stated purposes;

13 (2) investigate, upon complaint or upon its own motion, the  
14 rates, classifications, rules, regulations, practices, services and  
15 facilities of a public utility and hold hearings on them;

16 (3) make or require just, fair and reasonable rates, classi-  
17 fications, regulations, practices, services and facilities for a public  
18 utility;

19 (4) prescribe the system of accounts and regulate the service  
20 and safety of operations of a public utility;

21 (5) require a public utility to file reports and other infor-  
22 mation and data.

23 \* Sec. 7. AS 42.05.771 is repealed.  
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