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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 613

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to regional Native housing and  
7 electrical authorities."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 18.55.996(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The following associations are given the authority specified  
11 in (b) of this section:

- 12 (1) Arctic Slope Native Association (Barrow and Point Hope)
- 13 (2) Bering Straits Association (Seward Peninsula, Unalakleet,  
14 St. Lawrence Island)
- 15 (3) Northwest Alaska Native Association (Kotzebue)
- 16 (4) Association of Village Council Presidents (southwest  
17 coast of Alaska including all villages in the Bethel area and all  
18 villages on the Lower Yukon River and Lower Kuskokwim River)
- 19 (5) Tanana Chiefs Conference (Koyukuk, the middle and upper  
20 Yukon River villages and the upper Kuskokwim and Tanana River villages)
- 21 (6) Cook Inlet Association (Kenai, Tyonek, Eklutna and  
22 Iliamna)
- 23 (7) Bristol Bay Native Association (Dillingham, Upper Alaska  
24 Peninsula)
- 25 (8) Aleut League (Aleutian Islands, Pribilof Islands and that  
26 part of the Alaska Peninsula which is in the Aleut League)
- 27 (9) North Pacific Rim Native Corp. [CHUGACH NATIVE  
28 ASSOCIATION] (Cordova, Tatitlek, Port Graham, English Bay, Valdez [AND]  
29 Seward, Eyak and Chenega)

1 (10) Tlingit-Haida Central Council or Alaska Native Brother-  
2 hood (Southeastern Alaska including Metlakatla)

3 (11) Kodiak Area Native Association (all villages on and  
4 around Kodiak Island)

5 (12) Copper River Native Association (Copper Center,  
6 Glennallen, Chitina and Mentasta)

7 (13) Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.

8 \* Sec. 2. AS 18.57.010 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 18.57.010. FINDING AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds that  
10 an acute shortage of adequate, safe, reliable electrical facilities  
11 exists in the rural areas of the state and that adequate electrical  
12 systems cannot be provided by the private sector due to inadequate  
13 projected system revenues and economic depression in certain areas or by  
14 local governments of the state since the boundaries required for bor-  
15 oughs under art. X, sec. 3, of the Alaska constitution and the boundaries  
16 of cities necessary to effectively operate as cities would, in many  
17 cases, not be adequate to provide economic, adequate, safe and reliable  
18 electrical service. The legislature further finds that adequate housing,  
19 public facilities and economic development are heavily dependent upon  
20 adequate, safe and reliable electrical facilities. These conditions are  
21 inimical to the safety, health, welfare and prosperity of the residents  
22 of the state and to the sound growth of rural communities. The legis-  
23 lature further finds that a reasonable means of accomplishing the  
24 purpose of providing adequate, safe and reliable systems is the creation  
25 of regional electrical authorities which are not local governments. It  
26 is the purpose and intent of the legislature to provide a means whereby  
27 public corporations to serve as regional electrical authorities may be  
28 formed.  
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