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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 *CS* SENATE BILL NO. 691 *amH*
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 public broadcasting."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 14.58.010 is amended to read:

9 CHAPTER 58. ALASKA PUBLIC

10 [EDUCATIONAL] BROADCASTING COMMISSION.

11 Sec. 14.58.010. CREATION OF ALASKA PUBLIC [EDUCATIONAL] BROAD-
12 CASTING COMMISSION. There is created within the Department of Education
13 the Alaska Public [EDUCATIONAL] Broadcasting Commission.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 14.58.020(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The commission consists of nine members appointed by the governor,
16 without regard to political affiliation, subject to confirmation by a
17 majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. In making
18 appointments to the commission, the governor shall give due considera-
19 tion to representation from such fields as higher education, elementary
20 and secondary education, communications, commercial broadcasting,
21 public health, public works, labor, commerce and the professions. Mem-
22 bers may be removed only for cause.

23 * Sec. 3. AS 14.58.050 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 14.58.050. PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION. The commission is
25 created to encourage and supervise the [INITIAL] development of an
26 integrated public broadcasting system for the state and for the regula-
27 tion of all public broadcasting stations [EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING, AND
28 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING].

29 * Sec. 4. AS 14.58.060 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

1 (9) develop an integrated public broadcasting network for
2 the state;

3 (10) develop and distribute public broadcasting programming
4 for educational institutions and public agencies in the state;

5 (11) develop and distribute public broadcasting programming
6 for public affairs in the state;

7 (12) perform all other functions necessary to ensure the
8 orderly and coordinated development of public broadcasting in the state.

9 * Sec. 5. AS 14.58.070 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (5) provide assistance to licensed commercial broadcasting
11 stations for the broadcast of public affairs programming and utiliza-
12 tion of satellite communications for the broadcasting of special public
13 affairs programming.

14 * Sec. 6. AS 14.58.060(8) is repealed.
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