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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 691

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  
16 governor, without regard to political affiliation, subject to confirma-  
17 tion by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session.  
18 In making appointments to the commission, the governor shall give due  
19 consideration to representation from such fields as higher education,  
20 elementary and secondary education, communications, commercial broad-  
21 casting, public health, public works, labor, commerce and the profes-  
22 sions. Members 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 the  
2 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 14.58.090 is amended to read:

15 (1) "commission" means the Alaska Public [EDUCATIONAL]  
16 Broadcasting Commission;

17 (2) "public ["EDUCATIONAL] broadcasting" includes, but is  
18 not limited to, television and radio transmission by 2,500 Megahertz,  
19 closed circuit or microwave video and audio programming, slow-scan  
20 television programming, programming via satellite, teletype or facsimile  
21 transmission, and distribution methods, when the transmission, program-  
22 ming and distribution are intended to serve a noncommercial educational,  
23 public or instructional purpose.

24 \* Sec. 7. AS 14.58.060(8) is repealed.  
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