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For Today's Calendar

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 226 (Rules)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to school boards; and providing for an
7 effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. Section 42, ch. 124, SLA 1975, as amended by ch. 92, SLA
10 1976, is amended to read:

11 Sec. 42. The terms of office of members of the first regional
12 school boards shall terminate as follows:

13 (1) for those with one-year [AND TWO-YEAR] terms, on the date
14 on which a newly elected board member takes office after the regular
15 school board election in 1977 [, NOTWITHSTANDING AS 14.08.161(1)];

16 (2) (repealed by sec. 2, ch. 92, SLA 1976)

17 (3) for those with three-year terms, on the date on which a
18 newly elected board member takes office after the regular school board
19 election in 1979; [1978]

20 (4) for those with two-year terms, on the date on which a
21 newly elected board member takes office after the regular school board
22 election in 1978.

23 * Sec. 2. AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 Sec. 14.20.585. BINDING ARBITRATION. (a) If the employee bar-
25 gaining agency and the school board are unable to reach agreement by
26 March 31, or if the final mediation report is rejected by either party,
27 the items at impasse shall be submitted to an arbitrator. The decisions
28 of the arbitrator are final and binding on both parties. The arbitrator
29 shall consider only the items at impasse and select for each item the

1 last best offer of either of the parties.

2 (b) The arbitrator shall be a person mutually acceptable to both
3 parties, but if no person is agreed upon within 10 days following the
4 issuance of the final mediation report, the American Arbitration Asso-
5 ciation shall be asked to name an arbitrator. The expenses of arbitra-
6 tion shall be shared equally by both parties.

7 (c) In making awards on the items at impasse, the arbitrator shall
8 limit the resultant financial effect of the award so that no munici-
9 pality is required to increase its local tax rates to meet the costs of
10 an award.

11 (d) A school district may exempt itself from the provisions of
12 this section by ordinance adopted by the governing body of the munici-
13 pality. No ordinance authorizing an exemption from the provisions of
14 this section is effective unless submitted to the people of the munici-
15 pality at a regular or special election and approved by a majority of
16 those voting on the question.

17 (e) A regional educational attendance area may exempt itself from
18 the provisions of (a) - (c) of this section. If a number of voters equal
19 to 15 per cent of the number of votes cast in the regional educational
20 attendance area at the last regular election for members of the school
21 board petition the lieutenant governor, he shall place the question on
22 the ballot for the next regular election of members of the school board
23 to be held not less than 60 days after certification of the petition.
24 If the question presented is approved by a majority of those voting on
25 the question, the regional educational attendance area is exempted from
26 the provisions of (a) - (c) of this section 30 days after certification
27 of the results of the election.

28 * Sec. 3. AS 14.20.560(e) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

29 (e) Negotiating sessions shall be open to the public.

1 * Sec. 4. AS 14.20.580(c) is repealed.

2 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1977.

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