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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 477

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the conduct of activities by labor  
7 unions in the state."

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

9 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature  
10 finds that a number of labor unions which represent members who are residents  
11 of the state do not maintain a local organization with a place of business  
12 or an office in the state through which the union's Alaska members may  
13 secure assignment on Alaska construction projects. By providing employment  
14 assignments, training opportunities, and other services for members only  
15 through out-of-state business and employment dispatch offices, Alaskans,  
16 especially those who are economically disadvantaged or chronically  
17 unemployed, are

18 (1) denied the benefits of union programs generally intended to  
19 increase union membership among the disadvantaged or unemployed through  
20 recruitment, classroom teaching, and admission to on-the-job training and  
21 apprenticeship programs; and

22 (2) denied opportunity for regular employment on major projects,  
23 inside and outside Alaska, because of the more frequent assignment of union  
24 members with direct access to business and dispatch offices.

25 (b) In requiring labor unions to operate a business office or dispatch  
26 system in the state, it is the purpose of this Act to provide the means by  
27 which those who are economically disadvantaged or chronically unemployed,  
28 and whose disadvantage or unemployment is caused or aggravated by employment  
29 patterns which have contributed to the assignment of out-of-state labor, may



1 secure the benefits of recruitment, training and job assignment on a sub-  
2 stantially more equitable basis relative to those who enjoy direct access to  
3 out-of-state business or dispatch offices of the union.

4 \* Sec. 2. AS 23.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 Sec. 23.40.025. LABOR ORGANIZATION OFFICES IN ALASKA. A labor  
6 union may not execute its responsibilities in the state under a collec-  
7 tive bargaining agreement entered into after the effective date of this  
8 section unless the union

9 (1) provides for membership and representation of its members  
10 who are state residents through a local organization with a place of  
11 business in the state; or

12 (2) maintains and operates in the state a system from which  
13 its members who are state residents may secure the benefits of recruit-  
14 ment, job training and assignment to positions of employment in the  
15 state on the same basis as members who are not state residents.

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