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HOUSE BILL NO. 307

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the powers, duties and organiza-  
tion of the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission;  
restricting the use of state money for public broad-  
casting; and requiring competitive bidding as a  
condition for state grants to public broadcasters."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 44.21.258 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

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(c) An employee of a public broadcasting station may not be  
appointed to membership on the commission.

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(d) A member of the commission may not serve more than one term.

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\* Sec. 2. AS 44.21.268(a)(3) is amended to read:

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(3) except as provided in AS 44.21.269, make [PROVIDE]  
grants to locally controlled non-profit telecommunications entities  
which lease, purchase, construct, own, operate and manage and are the  
licensees of public broadcasting stations, production centers, and  
other related equipment and facilities for the production and trans-  
mission of open circuit, closed circuit, 2,500 megahertz, and other  
transmission means necessary to provide fully effective public broad-  
casting in the state;

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\* Sec. 3. AS 44.21 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 44.21.269. LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF STATE MONEY FOR  
GRANTS. (a) The commission may not use state money to make a grant  
under AS 44.21.268(a)(3) if the grant applicant

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(1) broadcasts commercial advertising;

1           (2) allows any persons to rent or use equipment for profit  
2 or personal benefits;

3           (3) employs, as paid employees, more than twice as many  
4 full-time or full-time equivalent employees as are employed by the  
5 largest commercial broadcasting station, if any, located in the ser-  
6 vice area of the grant applicant;

7           (4) pays more than twice as much for employee salaries and  
8 contract labor services than is paid by the largest commercial broad-  
9 casting station, if any, located in the service area of the grant  
10 applicant;

11           (5) duplicates programming or broadcasting services avail-  
12 able from other sources in the service area of the grant applicant;

13           (6) does not use sealed bid competitive bidding to obtain  
14 products or services that cost more than \$3,000 annually, accepting  
15 the lowest bid from a qualified bidder; or

16           (7) fails to maintain a register of qualified bidders for  
17 the purposes of (6) of this subsection or fails to provide written  
18 notice of a bid proposal at least 30 days before the bids are opened  
19 to the qualified bidders on the register.

20           (b) In this section

21           (1) "commercial advertising" means a broadcast endorsement  
22 or description of a product, service, or business enterprise other  
23 than the naming of a business enterprise as the sponsor or underwriter  
24 of a public broadcast;

25           (2) "service area" means an area in which the broadcast  
26 signals of a public broadcasting station can normally be received.

27           \* Sec. 4. AS 44.21.268(b) is repealed.