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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 144 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Rural Alaska Television
7 Network Council and the Alaska Public Broadcasting
8 Commission."
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 * Section 1. AS 44.21.320(c) is amended to read:
11 (c) Decisions and policies relating to programming under the
12 satellite television project, including scheduling and allocation
13 policies, may not be made by the department, but may only be made by
14 the Rural Alaska Television Network Council established under AS 44.-
15 21.500 [A NETWORK THAT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF PARTICIPATING RURAL TELE-
16 VISION USERS, BY COMMERCIAL BROADCAST USERS OR BY OTHER AFFECTED
17 PARTICIPATING USER GROUPS AND ENTITIES UNDER PROCEDURES PROVIDED BY
18 STATUTE OR, IF NO STATUTE APPLIES, THEN BY AGREEMENT OF THE AFFECTED
19 USER NETWORKS OR GROUPS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIST USERS IN PREPAR-
20 ING AGREEMENTS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION].
21 * Sec. 2. AS 44.21 is amended by adding a new section to read:
22 ARTICLE 9. RURAL ALASKA TELEVISION NETWORK COUNCIL.
23 Sec. 44.21.500. RURAL ALASKA TELEVISION NETWORK COUNCIL. (a)
24 There is established in the Department of Administration the Rural
25 Alaska Television Network Council. The council consists of 17 mem-
26 bers, including a consumer representative from each of the 12 areas in
27 the state served by the regional Native corporations organized under
28 43 U.S.C. 1601-1628 (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) appointed by
29 the governor, two representatives of the public appointed by the

1 governor, one representative appointed by the president of the
2 University of Alaska, one representative appointed by the commissioner
3 of education, and one representative appointed by the chair of the
4 Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission.

5 (b) Except for the representatives of the University of Alaska
6 and of the Department of Education, members serve for staggered terms
7 of three years. A member may not serve more than two consecutive full
8 terms.

9 (c) Council members serve without compensation but are entitled
10 to receive per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for members
11 of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

12 (d) The council shall

13 (1) establish procedures for its operation; and

14 (2) set policy and make programming decisions for the
15 satellite television project under AS 44.21.320(c).

16 (e) In this section "council" means the Rural Alaska Television
17 Network Council.

18 * Sec. 3. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

19 (15) Rural Alaska Television Network Council (AS 44.21.-
20 500) -- June 30, 1991;

21 (16) Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission (AS 44.21.256) --
22 June 30, 1991.

23 * Sec. 4. EXISTING MEMBERSHIP OF RATNET. The members currently serving
24 on the Rural Alaska Television Network Council shall continue to serve
25 until their terms terminate. The current members, other than the represen-
26 tatives of the University of Alaska and of the Department of Education,
27 shall draw lots at the next council meeting to determine which five members
28 will serve until June 30, 1989, which five members will serve until
29 June 30, 1990, and which five members will serve until June 30, 1991. The

1 terms ending in 1989 and 1990 are not full terms for purposes of AS 44.-
2 21.500(b), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act.