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HOUSE BILL NO. 424

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the state Board of Education."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 14.07.075 is amended to read:

9           Sec. 14.07.075. CREATION. There is created at the head of the  
10 Department of Education a Board of Education consisting of nine [SEV-  
11 EN] members.

12 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.07.085(a) is amended to read:

13           (a) The nine [SEVEN] members of the board [, NO MORE THAN FOUR  
14 OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS THE GOVERNOR,]  
15 shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a  
16 majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. Not more  
17 than four of the seven members of the board appointed to a term of  
18 five years or to fill a vacancy in a term of five years may be from  
19 the same political party as the governor. In appointing board mem-  
20 bers, the governor shall consider recommendations made by recognized  
21 educational associations in the state.

22 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.07.085(b) is amended to read:

23           (b) One member shall be appointed from each of the four judicial  
24 districts and five [THREE] from the state at large. At [WITH AT]  
25 least one member shall represent [REPRESENTING] regional educational  
26 attendance areas and at least one member shall represent military  
27 reservation schools. One member shall be a student in a public high  
28 school in the state. The representative of the military reservation  
29 schools and the student member shall be appointed from a list of

1 nominees proposed by the board and submitted to the governor. The  
2 representative of the military reservation schools and the student  
3 member may be reappointed for successive terms, if they remain qual-  
4 ified for appointment to the board.

5 \* Sec. 4. AS 14.07.095 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 14.07.095. TERM OF OFFICE. Except for the representative  
7 of the military reservation schools and the student member, who shall  
8 be appointed for one-year terms, the [THE] members of the board shall  
9 be appointed for overlapping five-year terms. The terms of members  
10 commence [COMMENCING] February 1 of the year of appointment. A member  
11 appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the unexpired term of the  
12 member whose vacancy is filled. A vacancy occurring during a term of  
13 office is filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

14 \* Sec. 5. AS 14.07.105(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) Five [FOUR] members constitute a quorum.

16 \* Sec. 6. AS 39.05.100(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) A person appointed to a board or commission of the state  
18 government shall be and have been before the last general election,  
19 (1) a registered voter in the state, if the appointment is made at  
20 large or (2) a registered voter from the judicial district, if the  
21 appointment is made from a specific judicial district. The student  
22 member of the Board of Education appointed under AS 14.07.085, the  
23 student member of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska  
24 appointed under AS 14.40.150(b), and the student member of the Alaska  
25 Commission on Postsecondary Education appointed under AS 14.42.015(e)  
26 are exempt from the requirement of this subsection if the member was  
27 not old enough to be a registered voter in the last general election.  
28 The member of the Board of Education appointed under AS 14.07.085 as  
29 the representative of the military reservation schools is exempt from

1 the requirement of this subsection.

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