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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 424 (HESS)

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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 may be reappointed for successive

1 terms, if they remain qualified for appointment to the board.

2 * Sec. 4. AS 14.07.095 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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