

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BOUCHER

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HOUSE BILL NO. 13

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act declaring that telecommunications service
7 utilities affect the public interest; and directing
8 that regulation of telecommunications service util-
9 ities maintain and further universal basic telecommu-
10 nications service."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 42.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 Sec. 42.05.145. TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION POLICY. A utility
14 that provides local exchange or interexchange telecommunications ser-
15 vice in the state affects the public interest. Regulation of these
16 utilities shall, consistent with this chapter, seek to maintain and
17 further the efficiency, availability, and affordability of universal
18 basic telecommunications service.