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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 136 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Rural Alaska Television
7 Network Council."
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 * Section 1. AS 39.50.200(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
10 read:
11 (50) Rural Alaska Television Network Council (AS 44.21.-
12 500).
13 * Sec. 2. AS 44.21.320(c) is amended to read:
14 (c) Decisions and policies relating to programming under the
15 satellite television project, including scheduling and allocation
16 policies, may not be made by the department, but may only be made by
17 the Rural Alaska Television Network Council established under AS 44.-
18 21.500 [A NETWORK THAT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF PARTICIPATING RURAL TELE-
19 VISION USERS, BY COMMERCIAL BROADCAST USERS OR BY OTHER AFFECTED
20 PARTICIPATING USER GROUPS AND ENTITIES UNDER PROCEDURES PROVIDED BY
21 STATUTE OR, IF NO STATUTE APPLIES, THEN BY AGREEMENT OF THE AFFECTED
22 USER NETWORKS OR GROUPS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIST USERS IN PREPAR-
23 ING AGREEMENTS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION].
24 * Sec. 3. AS 44.21 is amended by adding a new section to read:
25 ARTICLE 9. RURAL ALASKA TELEVISION NETWORK COUNCIL.
26 Sec. 44.21.500. RURAL ALASKA TELEVISION NETWORK COUNCIL. (a)
27 There is established in the Department of Administration the Rural
28 Alaska Television Network Council. The council consists of 17 mem-
29 bers, including

1 (1) a consumer representative from each of the 12 areas in
2 the state served by the regional Native corporations organized under
3 43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1628 (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) appointed
4 by the governor; each corporation shall recommend a person to the
5 governor for the appointment; the governor shall appoint the recom-
6 mended person or request another recommendation from the corporation;

7 (2) two members from the general public appointed by the
8 governor;

9 (3) the president of the University of Alaska or the presi-
10 dent's designee;

11 (4) the commissioner of education or the commissioner's
12 designee; and

13 (5) one member appointed by the chair of the Alaska Public
14 Broadcasting Commission.

15 (b) Members serve for staggered terms of three years. A vacancy
16 shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term and shall be
17 made in the same manner as the original appointment.

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

21 (d) The council shall

22 (1) establish procedures for its operation; and

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

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

27 * Sec. 4. EXISTING MEMBERSHIP OF RATNET. The members currently serving
28 on the Rural Alaska Television Network Council shall continue to serve
29 until their terms terminate. The current members shall draw lots at the

1 next council meeting to determine which six members will serve until
2 June 30, 1992, which six members will serve until June 30, 1993, and which
3 five members will serve until June 30, 1994.