

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 162

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to membership on the Alaska Public

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Utilities Commission and to quorums of the commis-

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sion."

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

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* Section 1. AS 42.05.020 is amended to read:

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Sec. 42.05.020. COMPOSITION OF ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMIS-

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SION. (a) The Alaska Public Utilities Commission consists of five

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general members and two special members, appointed by the governor and

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confirmed by the legislature in joint session assembled. The special

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members serve on the commission only when the commission is consider-

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ing issues concerning power cost equalization under AS 44.83.162 -

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44.83.164.

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(b) The governor shall designate one general member of the

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commission to chair [AS CHAIRMAN OF] the commission. This member

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shall serve as chair [CHAIRMAN] for a term of four years, but may be

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appointed for successive terms.

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* Sec. 2. AS 42.05.040 is amended to read:

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Sec. 42.05.040. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. The general members

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[MEMBERS] shall be qualified as follows: one member shall be a gradu-

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ate of an accredited school of law; one member shall be a graduate of

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an accredited university with a major in engineering; one member shall

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be a graduate of an accredited university with a major in finance,

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accounting, or business administration; and two members shall be

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consumers from anywhere in the state. The special members shall be

1 consumers each of whom resides in a community in which the electric
2 utility serving the community is eligible to receive power cost equal-
3 ization under AS 44.83.162 - 44.83.164.

4 * Sec. 3. AS 42.05.071 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 42.05.071. QUORUM. In matters that do not concern power
6 cost equalization, three [THREE] members of the commission constitute
7 a quorum for the transaction of business, for the performance of a
8 duty, or for the exercise of a power of the commission. In matters
9 that concern power cost equalization, a quorum consists of four mem-
10 bers, at least one of whom must be a special member.

11 * Sec. 4. AS 42.05.091 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 42.05.091. COMPENSATION. The general members [MEMBERS] of
13 the commission are in the exempt service and are entitled to a monthly
14 salary equal to Step C, Range 26 of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.-
15 011(a) for Juneau, Alaska. Special members of the commission receive
16 an honorarium of \$200 for each day spent at a meeting of the commis-
17 sion or a subcommittee of the commission or at a public meeting as a
18 representative of the commission and are entitled to per diem and
19 travel allowances as provided by law for members of state boards and
20 commissions under AS 39.20.180.

21 * Sec. 5. Notwithstanding AS 42.05.030, one special member shall be
22 appointed for an initial term of four years.