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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 168 (L&C)
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 simplified regulation of local
7 exchange telephone utilities; and relating to sus-
8 pending the operation of tariff filings."
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 * Section 1. AS 42.05.381(e) is amended to read:
11 (e) The commission shall adopt regulations for electric coopera-
12 tives and for local exchange telephone utilities setting a range for
13 adjustment of rates by a simplified rate filing procedure. A cooper-
14 ative or telephone utility may apply for permission to adjust its
15 rates over a period of time under the simplified rate filing procedure
16 regulations. The commission shall grant the application if the coop-
17 erative or telephone utility satisfies the requirements of the regu-
18 lations. The commission may review implementation of the simplified
19 rate filing procedure at reasonable intervals and may revoke permis-
20 sion to use the procedure or require modification of the rates to
21 correct an error.
22 * Sec. 2. AS 42.05.421(a) is amended to read:
23 (a) When a tariff filing is made containing a new or revised
24 rate, classification, rule, regulation, practice, or condition of
25 service the commission may, either upon written complaint or upon its
26 own motion, after reasonable notice, conduct a hearing to determine
27 the reasonableness and propriety of the filing. Pending the hearing
28 the commission may, by order stating the reasons for its action,
29 suspend the operation of the tariff filing. For a tariff filing that

1 does not change the utility's revenue requirement or rate design, the
2 suspension may last for a period not longer than six months beyond the
3 effective date established in the tariff filing unless the commission
4 extends the period for good cause. For a tariff filing that changes
5 the utility's revenue requirement or rate design, the suspension may
6 last, unless the commission extends the period for good cause, for a
7 period not longer than

8 (1) [AN INITIAL PERIOD NOT LONGER THAN] six months before
9 an interim rate equal to the requested rate goes into effect and not
10 longer than 12 months before a permanent rate goes [BEYOND THE TIME
11 WHEN IT WOULD OTHERWISE GO] into effect if the annual gross revenues
12 of the utility making the filing are more than \$3,000,000; and

13 (2) [NOT LONGER THAN] 150 days before an interim rate equal
14 to the requested new rate goes into effect and not longer than one
15 year before a permanent rate goes into effect if the annual gross
16 revenues of the utility making the filing are \$3,000,000 or less.