

**HOUSE BILL NO. 217**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

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**Introduced: 3/13/91**

**Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the state Board of Education."**

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

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.07.085(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The seven members of the board, no more than four of whom shall be members of  
5 the same political party [AS THE GOVERNOR], shall be appointed by the governor, subject to  
6 confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. In appointing  
7 board members, the governor shall consider recommendations made by recognized educational  
8 associations in the state.

9 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 14.07.095 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 14.07.095. **TERM OF OFFICE.** The members of the board shall be appointed for  
11 overlapping four-year [FIVE-YEAR] terms commencing February 1 of the year of appointment.  
12 A member appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the unexpired term of the member whose  
13 vacancy is filled. A vacancy occurring during a term of office is filled in the same manner as  
14 the original appointment.

1 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.07.115 is repealed and reenacted to read:

2           Sec. 14.07.115. REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS. The governor may remove a  
3 board member only for neglect of duty or misconduct in office. The governor shall initiate a  
4 removal by delivering to the member a written copy of the charges and giving the member an  
5 opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel at a public hearing before the governor or the  
6 governor's designee. The member shall receive written notice of the charges by registered mail  
7 at least 10 days before a hearing on the removal and has the right to confront and cross-examine  
8 witnesses who testify. The removal is effective 15 days after the governor files a complete  
9 statement of all charges made against the member in the main office of the board.

10 \* Sec. 4. STAGGERED TERMS. Notwithstanding AS 39.05.055, the first seven members appointed  
11 to the Board of Education on or after the effective date of this Act, shall serve staggered terms, with two  
12 members serving for one year, two members serving for two years, two members serving for three years,  
13 and one member serving for four years.