

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289 (L&C)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/13/91**  
**Referred: State Affairs**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to regulation of the process of changing a telephone customer's selection  
2 of an interexchange carrier; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

5           Sec. 42.05.870. **CHANGES IN CUSTOMER CARRIER SELECTIONS.** (a) At the time  
6 of the solicitation, a long distance carrier that solicits a request to change long distance carriers  
7 shall

8                   (1) identify the individual and the long distance carrier making the solicitation or  
9 on whose behalf the solicitation is being made;

10                   (2) state the purpose of the solicitation and inform the customer of the nature and  
11 extent of the services being offered;

12                   (3) state that the customer's long distance carrier may not be changed until a  
13 request to change carriers is signed by the customer and the long distance carrier has notified the  
14 local exchange carrier of the signed request;

1 (4) specifically establish whether the subscriber intends to change long distance  
2 carriers and describe the source and amount of any charge that may be imposed for processing  
3 the long distance carrier change; and

4 (5) state that failure of the customer to sign and return the request to change  
5 carriers has the effect of canceling the request.

6 (b) A local exchange carrier may not process a request to change carriers until

7 (1) a long distance carrier notifies the local exchange carrier that the customer has  
8 signed a written request; or

9 (2) the local exchange carrier receives a signed written request by the customer.

10 (c) This section does not prevent a telephone customer from originating a request for  
11 change of long distance carrier. However, a customer-initiated request is not effective until it  
12 has been made in writing and signed by the customer.

13 (d) A company that has applied for a certificate to provide long distance telephone  
14 service may collect written requests to change carriers, conditioned upon the company receiving  
15 certification as a long distance carrier. In collecting the conditional written requests, the  
16 company shall comply with the requirements imposed on long distance carriers by this section.  
17 The requests become effective on the date that the commission grants the company the certificate  
18 to provide long distance carrier service.

19 (e) In this section, "request" means an instruction to the local exchange carrier made by  
20 a customer of that local exchange carrier stating that the customer wishes to substitute one long  
21 distance carrier for another as the provider of long distance services to the customer.

22 (f) Notwithstanding (a) - (e) of this section, in areas in which the commission has  
23 authorized 1-PIC equal access implementation, the commission may regulate changes in  
24 interexchange carriers that it considers appropriate.

25 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).