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## AN ACT

Relating to public broadcasting.

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

\* Section 1. AS 14.58.010 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 58. ALASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION.

Sec. 14.58.010. CREATION OF ALASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION. There is created within the Department of Education the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission.

\* Sec. 2. AS 14.58.020(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commission consists of nine members appointed by the governor, without regard to political affiliation, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. In making appointments to the commission, the governor shall give due consideration to representation from such fields as higher education, elementary and secondary education, communications, commercial broadcasting, public health, public works, labor, commerce and the professions. Members may be removed only for cause.

\* Sec. 3. AS 14.58.050 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.58.050. PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION. The commission is created to encourage and supervise the development of an integrated public broadcasting system for the state and for the coordination of all public broadcasting stations.

\* Sec. 4. AS 14.58.060 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(9) develop an integrated public broadcasting network for the state;

(10) develop and distribute public broadcasting programming for educational institutions and public agencies in the state;

(11) develop and distribute public broadcasting programming for public affairs in the state;

(12) perform all other functions necessary to ensure the orderly and coordinated development of public broadcasting in the state.

\* Sec. 5. AS 14.58.070 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(5) provide assistance to licensed commercial broadcasting stations for the broadcast of public affairs programming and utilization of satellite communications for the broadcasting of special public affairs programming.

\* Sec. 6. AS 14.58.090 is amended to read:

(1) "commission" means the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission;

(2) "public broadcasting" includes, but is not limited to, television and radio transmission by 2,500 Megahertz, closed circuit or microwave video and audio programming, slow-scan television programming, programming via satellite, teletype or facsimile transmission, and distribution methods, when the transmission, programming and distribution are intended to serve a noncommercial educational, public or instructional purpose.

\* Sec. 7. AS 14.58.060(8) is repealed.