

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCABE

Introduced: 1/12/24
Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to closure of plants and facilities of a public utility and discontinuance,**
2 **abandonment, or suspension of a public utility service."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 42.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Article 7. Closure of Public Utility Plants or Facilities.**

6 **Sec. 42.30.500. Closure of public utility plants or facilities. (a)**

7 Notwithstanding AS 10.25 and AS 42.05.261, a public utility may not close a plant or
8 facility constructed, in whole or in part, using state funding unless

9 (1) the public utility first offers to sell the plant or facility to another
10 public utility; and

11 (2) the legislature approves the closure of the plant or facility.

12 (b) In this section, "public utility" includes every corporation whether public,
13 cooperative, or otherwise, company, individual, or association of individuals, their
14 lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by a court, that owns, operates, manages, or

1 controls any plant or facility for furnishing, by generation, transmission, or
2 distribution, electrical service to the public for compensation.