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Sponsor Statement

CSHB-69 (DC&RA)

It was brought to our attention that a First-Class City of Tanana was unable to transfer their school into the Yukon Koyukuk Rural Education Attendance Area (REAA).

In researching the impediments to that transfer, it became clear that a First-Class City would have to be reclassified to legally transfer their school.

Further it was brought to our attention in the Local Boundary Commission Annual Report that although, a minimum population of 400 residents is required to form a First-Class City, "However, there is no mechanism that automatically reclassifies a community if the population falls below 400." (Page 13, 2nd paragraph).

CSHB- 69 (DC&RA) establishes a mechanism to carry out automatic reclassification based on:

- 1. Community's population (Eligibility)
- 2. Community's willingness to be re-classified. (Written request by City Council)