

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Amended: 4/16/02
Introduced: 2/22/02**

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to urging the Local Boundary Commission to adopt standards and procedures
2 to enable the commission to return a petition for a local boundary change to the
3 petitioner when the commission determines the petition is substantively deficient, in
4 need of substantial amendment or supplementation, or the procedure used in preparing
5 the petition was deficient.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

7 WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the state, petitioners, and affected local
8 governments and citizens to resolve proposed local boundary changes expeditiously and in
9 accord with art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and implementing statutes and
10 regulations; and

11 WHEREAS, from time to time, petitions for boundary changes filed with the Local
12 Boundary Commission may be substantively deficient or in need of substantial amendment or
13 supplementation to conform with constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions; and

14 WHEREAS lengthy consideration of deficient petitions by the Local Boundary
15 Commission may result in unnecessary expenditures of money, time, and other resources on

1 the part of the state, local governments, and citizens of the state, and may also result in
2 needless public discord and strife; and

3 **WHEREAS** the Local Boundary Commission has discretion under art. X, sec. 12,
4 Constitution of the State of Alaska, to consider any proposed local government boundary
5 change and also has a duty under AS 44.33.812 to establish standards and procedures for
6 matters that come before the commission; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Local Boundary Commission has not established standards and
8 procedures by which the commission may return petitions if the procedures used in preparing
9 them were deficient or petitions that are substantively deficient or in need of substantial
10 amendment or supplementation to petitioners for amendment or reconsideration by the
11 petitioners;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Local Boundary
13 Commission to adopt standards and procedures that will enable the commission to return a
14 petition to the petitioner in a summary fashion if the commission determines the petition is
15 substantively deficient or in need of substantial amendment or supplementation to conform
16 with applicable constitutional, statutory, or regulatory provisions, or the procedure used in
17 preparing the petition was deficient.

18 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to each member of the Local Boundary
19 Commission.