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Relating to the Advisory Commission on Local Government.

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

WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Alaska provides that the Alaska State Legislature serves as the assembly for the unorganized borough; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature exercises that responsibility to support the future economic stability of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the rural economy of the state is a significant contributor to urban economics; and

WHEREAS, in the past few years, many local communities in Alaska have either shut down, entered deeply into debt, or ceased providing basic local services as a result of lower local revenue; and

WHEREAS crafting legislative solutions that will efficaciously address both short-term and long-term sustainability issues will be dependent upon conducting an appropriate needs assessment to guide these efforts;

BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the authority granted under art. II, sec. 11, Constitution of the State of Alaska to establish interim committees, the Advisory Commission

on Local Government is established; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Commission on Local Government shall consist of nine members, three senators appointed by the president of the senate, three representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and three public members appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall jointly appoint the chair and vice-chair of the commission; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the public members may not receive compensation, per diem, or reimbursement for travel or other expenses incurred in serving on the Advisory Commission on Local Government; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the House and Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committees shall assign committee staff to provide support services for the commission; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the duties of the Advisory Commission on Local Government include

- (1) studying the specific reasons for the hardships that communities in Alaska have experienced and developing proposals to continue the evolution of local government;
- (2) defining the role of state government in the financing of local public services;
- (3) recommending specific means by which local governments, when desired, can move towards borough formation; and
- (4) reviewing findings of previous local government studies and incorporating useful information in its report; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Commission on Local Government shall develop recommendations for Alaska's cities within the unorganized borough as a critical element of the state's economic future; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Commission on Local Government shall deliver a report of its findings to the legislature by January 15, 2006, together with appropriate legislative proposals for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Fourth Alaska Legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Commission on Local Government may meet during and between legislative sessions and that the commission is terminated on February 1, 2006.