



ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 377, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS; RELATING TO MANAGING AND PRESERVING AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS; AND RELATING TO FEES FOR THE INSPECTION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE ALASKA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

WHEREAS, AS 29.20.380 provides for the duties of the municipal clerk, which among many other responsibilities, requires the management of public records; and

WHEREAS, AS 40.25.110 provides for fees for public records open to inspection and copying if the production of records for one requester in a calendar month exceeds five person-hours; and

WHEREAS, HB 377 would authorize a municipality to charge a requester the actual personnel costs of searching for and copying public records in response to a request that falls under AS 40.25.110, even if the time to complete those tasks does not exceed five person-hours; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across Alaska have seen a significant increase in the size and scope of records requests for audio-visual content or digital media in recent years, particularly within police departments that deploy patrol vehicle cameras and body-worn cameras; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling these requests requires local governments to allocate additional technical resources and staff time at the expense of local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, reasonable safeguards governing cost and access are already in place to promote transparency and protect the public interest, including victims' rights provisions, limits that restrict fees to actual production cost, and the availability of cost waivers or fee reductions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: The AAMC Board supports HB 377 Version A, which would update AS.40.25.110 to allow municipalities to charge fees to cover the actual personnel costs of complying with the Alaska Public Records Act.

Section Two: The AAMC President is directed to send a copy of this executed resolution to the members of the Alaska State Legislature and to the Executive Director of the Alaska Municipal League.

Effective Date of Resolution. This resolution will be effective the 25th day of March, 2026.

ENACTED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

Kim Lane

Kim Lane, MMC, President

ATTEST:

Jamie Heinz

Jamie Heinz, MMC, Secretary