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AN ACT

Relating to election of regional school board members; and providing for an effective date.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 9

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: May 19, 1982
Actual Effective Date: May 20, 1982

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and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. AS 14.08.041(d) is amended to read:

(d) Subject to (f) of this section, a regional [REGIONAL] school board member [MEMBERS] shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the communities receiving educational services in the entire regional educational attendance area. However, each seat on the school board shall be designated by letter or number, and a candidate for regional school board must indicate the seat for which he is a candidate on his declaration of candidacy or other nomination papers when he files for office.

* Sec. 2. AS 14.08.041 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) The voters residing within a regional educational attendance area may petition in accordance with AS 14.08.051(b) to have each regional school board member elected from a section of the area by the voters of that section.

* Sec. 3. AS 14.08.051(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commissioner in consultation with the Department of Community and Regional Affairs and the local communities may divide a regional educational attendance area into sections only for the purpose of nominating and electing regional school board members. If the voters in a regional educational attendance area favor election of regional school board members by sections under (b) of this section, the commis-

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1 sioner in consultation with the Department of Community and Regional
2 Affairs and the local communities shall divide the regional educational
3 attendance area into sections for the purpose of nominating and electing
4 regional school board members. If a regional educational attendance
5 area is divided into sections each school board member shall represent,
6 as nearly as practicable, an equal number of persons. The basis for the
7 division of a regional educational attendance area into sections shall
8 be the total population of the area as reported in the most recent
9 decennial federal census. If the census is five years old or older,
10 then other reliable population data, including but not limited to popula-
11 tion estimates based on public school enrollments, public utility
12 connections, registered voters or certified employment payrolls, shall
13 be used as the basis for the division of the area into sections. Each
14 section within a regional educational attendance area shall consist of
15 compact, contiguous territory and, as far as practicable, each section
16 shall contain an integrated socio-economic, linguistically and culturally
17 homogeneous area. In the division of the regional school attendance
18 area into sections, consideration shall be given to the transportation
19 and communication network to facilitate the administration of education
20 and communication between communities that comprise the area. Whenever
21 possible, municipalities, other governmental or regional corporate
22 entities, drainage basins and other identifiable geographic features
23 shall be used in describing the boundaries of the sections.

24 * Sec. 4. AS 14.08.051(b) is amended to read:

25 (b) The division of a regional educational attendance area into
26 sections [,] or subsequent recasting of the section boundaries [,] may
27 be proposed by the regional school board or by a petition. The election
28 of each regional school board member from a section by the voters of
29 that section of a regional educational attendance area may be proposed

1 by petition. A petition under this section shall be filed with the
2 director of elections and shall contain [CONTAINING] signatures of
3 qualified voters in the area equal to 15 percent of the total vote cast
4 in the most recent regional school board election. The division of the
5 area into sections, election of each regional school board member from
6 a section by the voters of that section, or subsequent recasting of
7 section boundaries [,] is subject to approval by a majority of the
8 qualified voters voting on the question in the regional educational
9 attendance area at the next regular school board election or a special
10 election called for that purpose, and takes effect at the next regular
11 school board election.

12 * Sec. 5. AS 14.08.051(e) is amended to read:

13 (e) If a regional educational attendance area has been divided
14 into sections, board members shall be residents of the section from
15 which they are elected. Board members [, BUT THEY] shall be elected by
16 the qualified voters of the entire regional educational attendance
17 area, unless the voters have approved election of members by the voters
18 of the section under (b) of this section.

19 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
20 070(c).