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Relating to annexations recommended by the Local Boundary Commission.

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

WHEREAS Article X of the Constitution of the State of Alaska encourages the formation of local governments; and

WHEREAS municipalities are best operated when they are closest to the people governed; and

WHEREAS residents of a community are the best determiners of what system of government best fits the community needs; and

WHEREAS a municipality can petition the Local Boundary Commission for annexation of an area without first consulting with the residents of the area to be annexed and without the residents' consent; and

WHEREAS the Local Boundary Commission was established to consider proposed local government boundary changes and may present changes to the legislature within the first 10 days of any regular session; and

WHEREAS various communities in the unorganized borough are studying the concept of self-government and this study may conflict with Local Boundary Commission recommendations for annexation; and

WHEREAS the legislature recognizes that the Local Boundary Commission has statutory and constitutional responsibilities for hearing annexation petitions;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Local Boundary Commission is requested to take into full consideration the desire of residents of an area in the unorganized

borough to be self-governing and give them reasonable time to study the concept of self-government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Boundary Commission is requested to postpone borough annexation procedures until after December 1, 1989, in an area where the formation of an organized borough is being studied if a person residing in the area proposed to be annexed and involved in the organization effort requests the delay.