

SENATE BILL NO. 294

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR LINCOLN

Introduced: 2/12/96

Referred: CRA, HES

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to regional educational attendance areas."

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.08.031(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The Department of Community and Regional Affairs in consultation with
5 the Department of Education and local communities shall divide the unorganized
6 borough into educational service areas using the boundaries or sub-boundaries of the
7 regional corporations established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

8 **However, a community located within an educational service area may become**
9 **a part of a different educational service area as provided under (e) of this section**

10 [, UNLESS BY REFERENDUM A COMMUNITY VOTES TO MERGE WITH
11 ANOTHER COMMUNITY CONTIGUOUS TO IT BUT WITHIN THE
12 BOUNDARIES OR SUB-BOUNDARIES OF ANOTHER REGIONAL
13 CORPORATION].

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.08.031 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (e) A community in an educational service area may become a part of a

1 different educational service area if

2 (1) the community has at least 25 or more permanent residents;

3 (2) a majority of the residents of the community vote to become part
4 of another educational service area; an election required under this paragraph shall be
5 conducted by the lieutenant governor in the general manner required under AS 15; an
6 election under this paragraph may not be conducted more than once every two years;
7 and

8 (3) the commissioner does not disapprove the relocation; the
9 commissioner may disapprove a relocation allowed under this subsection if the
10 commissioner, within 30 days after a community votes to relocate, makes a written
11 finding that the relocation of the community would result in an educational service
12 area that is not integrated socially, economically, linguistically, and culturally.