

HOUSE BILL NO. 205

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/20/97

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to formation of and taxation in regional educational attendance
2 areas; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

5 (a) The Department of Community and Regional Affairs [IN
6 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND LOCAL
7 COMMUNITIES] shall divide the unorganized borough into educational service areas
8 using the boundaries **proposed for each of the model boroughs identified for**
9 **formation in the report issued in 1995 by the Local Boundary Commission**
10 **entitled "Model Borough Boundaries."** **An educational service area established**
11 **in the unorganized borough under this subsection constitutes a regional**
12 **educational attendance area** [OR SUB-BOUNDARIES OF THE REGIONAL
13 CORPORATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS
14 SETTLEMENT ACT, UNLESS BY REFERENDUM A COMMUNITY VOTES TO

1 MERGE WITH ANOTHER COMMUNITY CONTIGUOUS TO IT BUT WITHIN
2 THE BOUNDARIES OR SUB-BOUNDARIES OF ANOTHER REGIONAL
3 CORPORATION].

4 * **Sec. 2.** TRANSITION. (a) Beginning on January 1, 1999, an annual tax of 4.5 mills
5 is levied each year on the full and true value of taxable property in the area of each regional
6 educational attendance area to be formed under AS 14.08.031(a), as amended in sec. 1 of this
7 Act. Money from taxes levied under this section may be appropriated for funding for the
8 regional educational attendance areas. The provisions of AS 29.45.010 - 29.45.500 apply to
9 taxes levied under this section. The state assessor shall assess the property, collect the taxes
10 levied under this section and deposit them in the general fund, and perform the mandatory
11 duties of a municipality, a board of equalization, or a municipal official under AS 29.45.010 -
12 29.45.500, except that the state assessor may not act through the adoption of an ordinance or
13 grant exemptions from taxation not required under AS 29.45.010 - 29.45.500.

14 (b) The Department of Community and Regional Affairs shall develop a proposed
15 method of levying and collecting taxes in regional educational attendance areas formed under
16 AS 14.08.031(a), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act, after obtaining and considering public
17 comments on the question of establishing the tax system. The department shall prepare draft
18 legislation establishing a tax system, rates of taxation, and a board of equalization in each of
19 the regional educational attendance areas. By January 1, 2000, the department shall submit
20 the draft legislation to the senate and the house of representatives.

21 (c) Notwithstanding the period within which elections are to be held under
22 AS 14.08.071(a), before July 1, 1999, the qualified voters of each of the regional educational
23 attendance areas formed in AS 14.08.031(a), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act, shall elect a
24 regional school board in accordance with AS 14.08.041 - 14.08.061.

25 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.08.031(b) is repealed.

26 * **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 3 of this Act take effect July 15, 1999.

27 * **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).