

SENATE BILL NO. 98

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR LEMAN

Introduced: 2/21/97

Referred: CRA, Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the conveyance of certain isolated tracts of state land to
2 boroughs and unified municipalities; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 29.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 29.65.085. Conveyance of isolated tracts.** (a) Consistent with the best
6 interest of the state, it is the policy of the state to provide boroughs and unified
7 municipalities title to isolated tracts of vacant, unappropriated, unreserved land within
8 their boundaries.

9 (b) The director may convey isolated tracts of vacant, unappropriated,
10 unreserved land within the boundaries of a borough or unified municipality to the
11 municipality upon application for the tract by the municipality. The director shall give
12 special consideration to conveyance of a tract of land that is contiguous or in proximity
13 to other municipal land. The director may approve an application for conveyance of
14 an isolated tract of land only if the director finds that the conveyance will be in the

1 best interest of the state because it will satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

2 (1) the conveyance will consolidate land ownership patterns;

3 (2) the conveyance will result in more cost-effective and efficient land
4 management;

5 (3) the conveyance will achieve the land use planning objectives of the
6 state and the municipality in which the tract is located.

7 (c) Tracts of land conveyed under this subsection may not be considered in
8 fulfilling the general grant land entitlement of a borough or unified municipality under
9 AS 29.65.010.

10 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1997.