

SENATE BILL NO. 196

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR WARD

Introduced: 1/18/00

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to selection of members of the planning commission for a first
2 or second class borough."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 29.40.020(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Each first and second class borough shall establish a planning commission
6 consisting of five residents unless a greater number is required by ordinance.

7 Commission membership shall be apportioned so that the number of members from
8 home rule and first class cities reflects the proportion of borough population residing
9 in home rule and first class cities located in the borough. Unless an ordinance

10 providing for election of planning commission members is adopted under (c) of
11 this section, a [A] member shall be appointed by the borough mayor [FOR A TERM
12 OF THREE YEARS] subject to confirmation by the assembly, except that a member
13 from a home rule or first class city shall be selected from a list of recommendations
14 submitted by the council. Members serve three-year terms, except that initial

1 members [FIRST APPOINTED] shall draw lots for one-year, two-year, and three-
2 year [ONE, TWO, AND THREE YEAR] terms. Appointments to fill vacancies are
3 for the unexpired term. The compensation and expenses of the planning commission
4 and its staff are paid as directed by the assembly.

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 29.40.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (c) Notwithstanding AS 29.20.320(b), a first or second class borough may by
7 ordinance provide for election of planning commission members. Only voters residing
8 in home rule or first class cities within the borough may vote for the members that
9 must be from home rule or first class cities under the apportionment of the planning
10 commission required under (a) of this section. Only voters residing outside of home
11 rule or first class cities may vote for members that must be from the borough area
12 outside of home rule or first class cities. The borough mayor shall fill a vacancy in
13 an elected position by appointment, subject to confirmation by the assembly.