

HOUSE BILL NO. 296

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITAKER

Introduced: 1/14/02

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to mergers and consolidations of municipalities."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 29.06.100(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Residents of two or more municipalities may file a merger or consolidation
5 petition with the department. The petition must be signed **during a period that does**
6 **not exceed 365 consecutive days** by a number of voters of each existing municipality
7 equal to at least 25 percent of the number of votes cast in each municipality's last
8 regular election.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 29.06.140(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The Local Boundary Commission shall immediately notify the director of
11 elections of its acceptance of a merger or consolidation petition. Within 30 days after
12 notification, the director of elections shall order an election in the area to be included
13 in the new municipality to determine whether the voters desire merger or
14 consolidation. The election shall be held not less than 30 or more than 90 days after
15 the election order. A voter who is a resident of the area to be included in the proposed

1 municipality may vote. **If a majority of the votes in each of the municipalities**
2 **proposed to be merged or consolidated favors the merger or consolidation, the**
3 **proposal is approved.**

4 * **Sec. 3.** AS 29.06.140(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) **A question involving a service area required to be submitted to voters**
6 **under AS 29.35.450 or 29.35.490 may not be part of the merger or consolidation**
7 **petition submitted under AS 29.06.100 or part of the merger or consolidation**
8 **question.** A home rule charter in a merger or consolidation petition submitted under
9 AS 29.06.100(b)(5) is part of the merger or consolidation question. The charter is
10 adopted if the voters approve the merger or consolidation. The director of elections
11 shall supervise the election in the general manner prescribed by AS 15 (Election
12 Code). The state shall pay all election costs.