

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 296(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/1/02
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WHITAKER, Kohring

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.**