

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/22/02

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to urging the Local Boundary Commission to adopt standards and procedures**
2 **to enable the commission to return a petition for a local boundary change to the**
3 **petitioner when the commission determines the petition is substantively deficient or in**
4 **need of substantial amendment or supplementation.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 **WHEREAS** it is in the best interests of the state, petitioners, and affected local
7 governments and citizens to resolve proposed local boundary changes expeditiously and in
8 accord with art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and implementing statutes and
9 regulations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, from time to time, petitions for boundary changes filed with the Local
11 Boundary Commission may be substantively deficient or in need of substantial amendment or
12 supplementation to conform with constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions; and

13 **WHEREAS** lengthy consideration of deficient petitions by the Local Boundary
14 Commission may result in unnecessary expenditures of money, time, and other resources on
15 the part of the state, local governments, and citizens of the state, and may also result in

1 needless public discord and strife; and

2 **WHEREAS** the Local Boundary Commission has discretion under art. X, sec. 12,
3 Constitution of the State of Alaska, to consider any proposed local government boundary
4 change and also has a duty under AS 44.33.812 to establish standards and procedures for
5 matters that come before the commission; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Local Boundary Commission has not established standards and
7 procedures by which the commission may return petitions that are substantively deficient or in
8 need of substantial amendment or supplementation to petitioners for amendment or
9 reconsideration by the petitioners;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Local Boundary
11 Commission to adopt standards and procedures that will enable the commission to return a
12 petition to the petitioner in a summary fashion if the commission determines the petition is
13 substantively deficient or in need of substantial amendment or supplementation to conform
14 with applicable constitutional, statutory, or regulatory provisions.

15 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to each member of the Local Boundary
16 Commission.