

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(RLS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/22/02

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Sponsor(s): SENATORS THERRIAULT, Wilken

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to optional exemptions from municipal property taxes on residential
2 property and limiting an optional exclusion or exemption to the assessed value of
3 \$10,000 for a residence in a municipality with a total bonded indebtedness that equals or
4 exceeds \$15,000 multiplied by the number of residents in the municipality; and
5 providing for an effective date."

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

7 * **Section 1.** AS 29.45.050(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) A municipality may exclude or exempt or partially exempt residential
9 property from taxation by ordinance ratified by the voters at an election. **An**
10 **exclusion or exemption authorized by this subsection may not be applied with**
11 **respect to taxes levied in a service area to fund the special services.** An exclusion
12 or exemption authorized by this **subsection** [SECTION] may not exceed the assessed
13 value of \$10,000 for any one residence **in a municipality with a level of total**

1 **bonded indebtedness that equals or exceeds \$15,000 multiplied by the number of**
 2 **residents in the municipality. Otherwise, an exclusion or exemption authorized**
 3 **by this subsection may not, for any one residence, exceed the greater of the**
 4 **following amounts:**

5 **(1) the assessed value of \$15,000 or 20 percent of the assessed value**
 6 **of the residence, whichever is less; or**

7 **(2) the assessed value of \$10,000.**

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 29.45.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (q) A municipality may by ordinance exempt from taxation an amount not to
 10 exceed \$5,000 of the assessed value of real property owned and occupied as a
 11 permanent place of abode by a resident who provides in the municipality volunteer (1)
 12 fire fighting services, or (2) emergency medical services. If two or more individuals
 13 are eligible for an exemption for the same property, not more than two exemptions
 14 may be granted. A municipality with a level of total bonded indebtedness that equals
 15 or exceeds \$15,000 multiplied by the number of residents in the municipality may not
 16 grant an exemption under this subsection.

17 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2003.