

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR TORGERSON**

**Introduced: 2/22/01**

**Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Judiciary, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to certain**  
2 **municipal annexations.**

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

4 \* **Section 1.** Article X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 12. Boundaries. (a)** A local boundary commission or board shall be  
6 established by law in the executive branch of the state government. The commission  
7 or board may consider any proposed local government boundary change. **Subject to**  
8 **(b) of this section, it** [IT] may present proposed changes to the legislature during the  
9 first ten days of any regular session. The change shall become effective forty-five  
10 days after presentation or at the end of the session, whichever is earlier, unless  
11 disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members of each house.  
12 The commission or board, subject to law, may establish procedures whereby  
13 boundaries may be adjusted by local action.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** Article X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a  
15 new subsection to read:

16 (b) The local boundary commission or board may present to the legislature a

1 proposed annexation of an area to an existing city or borough only if the proposal has  
2 first been approved by a majority of the voters residing in the area proposed for  
3 annexation. An annexation by local action may occur only if the proposal has first  
4 been approved by a majority of the voters residing in the area proposed for annexation.  
5 This subsection does not apply if no voters reside in an area proposed for annexation.  
6 This subsection applies only if

7 (1) the physical size of the area is greater than ten percent of the  
8 physical size of the city or borough to which the area is proposed to be annexed; or

9 (2) the population of the area is more than ten percent of the  
10 population of the city or borough to which the area is proposed to be annexed.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
12 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
13 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.