

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE**

March 25, 2002

10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Pete Kott, Chair
Representative Carl Morgan
Representative Lesil McGuire
Representative Ethan Berkowitz

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Brian Porter
Representative Vic Kohring
Representative Reggie Joule

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 207

"An Act relating to the judicial districts of the state."

- MOVED CSHB 207(RLS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS ACTION

BILL: HB 207

SHORT TITLE: REALIGNMENT OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) KAPSNER

Jrn-Date	Jrn-Page		Action
03/22/01	0691	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/22/01	0691	(H)	JUD, FIN
04/27/01		(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
04/27/01		(H)	Moved Out of Committee
04/27/01		(H)	MINUTE(JUD)
04/28/01	1305	(H)	JUD RPT 6DP 1NR
04/28/01	1305	(H)	DP: BERKOWITZ, COGHILL, JAMES,
04/28/01	1305	(H)	KOOKESH, MEYER, ROKEBERG; NR: OGAN
04/28/01	1305	(H)	FN1: ZERO(CRT)
04/28/01	1343	(H)	FIN REFERRAL WAIVED
04/28/01	1344	(H)	REFERRED TO RULES
03/25/02		(H)	RLS AT 10:00 AM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

REPRESENTATIVE MARY KAPSNER
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 424
Juneau, Alaska 99801

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified as the sponsor of HB 207.

ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE 02-4, SIDE A
Number 0001

CHAIR PETE KOTT called the House Rules Standing Committee meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Representatives Kott, Morgan, McGuire, and Berkowitz were present at the call to order.

HB 207-REALIGNMENT OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

CHAIR KOTT announced that the only order of business before the committee would be HOUSE BILL NO. 207, "An Act relating to the judicial districts of the state."

Number 0038

REPRESENTATIVE MCGUIRE moved that the committee adopt CSHB 207, Version 22-LS0518\J, Luckhaupt, 3/20/02, as the working document. There being no objection, Version J was before the committee.

REPRESENTATIVE MARY KAPSNER, Alaska State Legislature, testified as the sponsor of HB 207, which she characterized as a cleanup bill. She explained that HB 207 places 13 villages along the coast and Yukon Rivers, which are commonly referred to as the Wade Hampton Census Area, in the same judicial district as the court that they are currently going through. The judicial boundaries were established upon statehood and were based on election districts and thus reflected the communication and commerce systems of that time, which has changed quite a bit since then. Bethel [has developed] into the hub and thus she said she feels that those on the Yukon [Rivers] should be officially part of the Bethel venue district. Representative Kapsner pointed out that Version C adds Nabesna, which faces a similar situation. She also pointed out the change in title suggestion that is included in the packet.

Number 0206

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ moved that the committee adopt the title change amendment, Amendment 1, which reads as follows:

An act moving election district 24 as described in the Constitution of the State of Alaska at statehood from the second judicial district to the fourth judicial district and adding the Nabesna area to the third judicial district and removing it from the fourth judicial district.

There being no objection, Amendment 1 was adopted.

Number 0236

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ moved to report CSHB 207 as amended out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying zero fiscal note. There being no objection, CSHB 207(RLS) was reported from the House Rules Standing Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Rules Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.