

HOUSE BILL NO. 2

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROKEBERG

Introduced: 1/8/01

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a tax on real property in the unorganized borough."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 29.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 29.03.040. Tax on real property.** (a) An annual tax of 10 mills is levied
5 each year on the full and true value of taxable real property in the unorganized
6 borough that is outside of home rule and first class cities and that is not subject to
7 taxation under AS 43.56. Money from taxes levied under this section may be
8 appropriated for funding regional educational attendance areas. The provisions of
9 AS 29.45.010 - 29.45.070 and 29.45.103 - 29.45.500 apply to taxes levied under this
10 section to the extent that they may be made applicable and do not conflict with this
11 section.

12 (b) The state assessor shall assess the real property, collect the taxes levied
13 under this section and deposit them into the general fund, and perform the mandatory
14 duties of a municipality, a governing body, a board of equalization, or a municipal
15 official under AS 29.45.010 - 29.45.070 and 29.45.103 - 29.45.500, except that the

1 assessor may not act through the adoption of an ordinance or grant exemptions from
2 taxation that are not mandatory under AS 29.45.010 - 29.45.070 and 29.45.103 -
3 29.45.500.

4 (c) Real property that is occupied as the primary residence and permanent
5 place of abode by the owner is exempt from taxation on the first \$150,000 of the
6 assessed value of the property. Only one exemption may be granted for the same
7 property, and, if two or more individuals are eligible for an exemption for the same
8 property, the individuals shall decide between or among themselves who is to receive
9 the benefit of the exemption. Property may not be exempted under this subsection if
10 the state assessor determines, after notice and hearing to the parties, that the property
11 was conveyed to the applicant primarily for the purpose of obtaining the exemption.
12 An exemption may not be granted except upon written application for the exemption
13 on a form approved by the state assessor. The applicant must file the application no
14 later than March 31 of the assessment year for which the exemption is sought. The
15 state assessor shall require proof, in the form the assessor considers necessary, of the
16 right to and amount of the exemption. The assessor may require the proof at any time.

17 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
18 read:

19 **APPLICABILITY OF TAX IN THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH.** The tax on real
20 property levied under AS 29.03.040, enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, applies beginning with
21 calendar year 2002 and during years thereafter.