

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 241(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/9/04**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE CHENAULT**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to optional exemptions from municipal property taxes on residential**  
2 **property."**

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

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

5 (a) A municipality may exclude or exempt or partially exempt residential  
6 property from taxation by ordinance ratified by the voters at an election. **An**  
7 **exclusion or exemption authorized by this subsection may be applied with respect**  
8 **to taxes levied in a service area to fund the special services.** An exclusion or  
9 exemption authorized by this **subsection** [SECTION] may not exceed the assessed  
10 value of **\$50,000** [\$10,000] for any one residence.

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

12 (s) A municipality may by ordinance designate an area within its boundaries  
13 as a high crime area and exempt from taxation an amount not to exceed \$10,000 of the  
14 assessed value of real property within the area that is owned and occupied as a

1 permanent place of abode by a law enforcement officer. The ordinance must include a  
2 definition of "law enforcement officer." A municipality that adopts an ordinance  
3 under this subsection may not request state funds to cover any municipal budget  
4 shortfall caused by the ordinance.