

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 136**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR THOMAS

Introduced: 4/13/07

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Transportation

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to certain municipal service areas that provide road services."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 29.35.450(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) If voters reside within a service area that provides road, fire protection, or  
5 parks and recreation services, abolishment of the service area is subject to approval by  
6 the majority of the voters residing in the service area who vote on the question. A  
7 service area that provides road, fire protection, or parks and recreation services in  
8 which voters reside may not be abolished and replaced by a larger service area unless  
9 that proposal is approved, separately, by a majority of the voters who vote on the  
10 question residing in the existing service area and by a majority of the voters who vote  
11 on the question residing in the area proposed to be included within the new service  
12 area but outside of the existing service area. A service area that provides road, fire  
13 protection, or parks and recreation services in which voters reside may not be altered  
14 or combined with another service area unless that proposal is approved, separately, by  
15 a majority of the voters who vote on the question and who reside in each of the service

1 areas or in the area outside of service areas that is affected by the proposal. This  
 2 subsection does not apply

3 (1) to a proposed change to a service area that provides fire protection  
 4 services that would result in increasing the number of parcels of land in the service  
 5 area or successor service area if the increase is not more than six percent and would  
 6 add not more than 1,000 residents;

7 (2) [. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY] in a second class  
 8 borough to abolishment of a road service area or consolidation of two or more road  
 9 service areas if

10 (A) [(1)] taxes have not been levied in the service area for road  
 11 maintenance or construction during the last 12 months and there is no balance  
 12 in any account available to pay for these road services for the service area;

13 (B) [(2)] during the last 12 months, the service area board has  
 14 not met with a quorum present and in accordance with law; or

15 (C) [(3)] there are no road maintenance contracts in effect for  
 16 the service area or the existing road maintenance contracts fail to provide for  
 17 minimum road standards required by law that are necessary to protect the  
 18 borough from civil liability;

19 (3) to require approval by the voters residing in a subdivision or  
 20 parcel proposed to be added to a road service area if roads maintained by the  
 21 service area provide the only access to the subdivision or parcel or provide access  
 22 to the subdivision or parcel that is required by the subdivision plat or by other  
 23 regulation or ordinance;

24 (4) to a change in the boundaries of a road service area to exclude  
 25 a subdivision or parcel that does not rely on the use of roads maintained by the  
 26 service area for the subdivision's or parcel's only access or for access that is  
 27 required by the subdivision plat or by other regulation or ordinance.