

HOUSE BILL NO. 279

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 1/18/24

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the Local Boundary Commission; and providing for an effective
2 date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 44.33.810 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 44.33.810. Local Boundary Commission.** There is in the Department of
6 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development a Local Boundary Commission.
7 The Local Boundary Commission consists of five members appointed by the governor
8 for overlapping five-year terms. One member shall be appointed from each of the four
9 judicial districts described in AS 22.10.010 and one member shall be appointed from
10 the unorganized borough. The members from each judicial district must
11 maintain a principal place of abode and be registered to vote in a precinct in that
12 district. The governor shall designate one member as [STATE AT LARGE. THE
13 MEMBER APPOINTED FROM THE STATE AT LARGE IS] the chair of the
14 commission.

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.33.812(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) The Local Boundary Commission shall

3 (1) make studies of local government boundary problems;

4 (2) adopt regulations providing standards and procedures for municipal
5 incorporation, annexation, detachment, merger, consolidation, reclassification, and
6 dissolution; the regulations providing standards and procedures are subject to
7 AS 29.04 - AS 29.10;

8 (3) consider a local government boundary change requested of it by the
9 legislature, the commissioner of commerce, community, and economic development,
10 or a political subdivision of the state; "boundary change" may not be construed to
11 include a borough incorporation; [AND]

12 (4) develop standards and procedures for the extension of services and
13 ordinances of incorporated cities into contiguous areas for limited purposes upon
14 majority approval of the voters of the contiguous area to be annexed and prepare
15 transition schedules and prorated tax mill levies as well as standards for participation
16 by voters of these contiguous areas in the affairs of the incorporated cities furnishing
17 services; **and**

18 **(5) maintain, for each community in the state, a record of that**
19 **community's population according to the most recent decennial census conducted**
20 **by the United States Bureau of the Census.**

21 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 31, 2025.