

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 94

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Local Boundary Commis-
7 sion; prescribing its purpose, powers,
8 duties and functions; and providing for
9 an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 Section 1. COMMISSION CREATED. There is hereby created
12 in the executive branch a commission to be known as the Local
13 Boundary Commission.

14 Sec. 2. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. The
15 commission shall consist of five members appointed by the governor
16 subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the leg-
17 islature in joint session. One member shall be appointed from
18 the state at large, and shall be the chairman of the committee.
19 The other four members, one appointed from each of the major
20 election districts, Southeastern, Southcentral, Central and North-
21 western, shall serve overlapping terms of four years. The term
22 of office shall commence on March 1 and one member shall be
23 appointed each year; provided, however, that the four district
24 members first appointed shall be appointed within 90 days of the
25 effective date of this Act and shall serve terms of one, two,
26 three and four years as designated by the governor when making
27 the first appointments. The member at large shall be appointed
28 within 90 days of the effective date of this Act and shall serve
29 at the pleasure of the governor. If the legislature is not in

1 session, the governor shall make appointments on an interim basis
2 and members so appointed shall be subject to legislative confirma-
3 tion when the legislature next convenes. Each member of the
4 commission shall be a qualified elector of the State and no
5 member shall hold any other office or position under the United
6 States, the State, or its political subdivision.

7 Sec. 3. VACANCIES. If a vacancy occurs in the membership
8 of the commission, the governor shall fill the vacancy within
9 sixty days after its occurrence in conformity with the qualifica-
10 tion and district representation requirements of this Act.

11 Sec. 4. MEETINGS: QUORUM. The commission shall meet at
12 such times and such places as may be necessary to carry out the
13 purpose of this Act. A majority of the full membership of the
14 commission shall constitute a quorum to transact business;
15 provided, that it shall take an affirmative vote of the majority
16 of the membership to carry all decisions or proposals.

17 Sec. 5. POWERS. The commission may consider any proposed
18 local government boundary change and exercise such other powers
19 as may be prescribed by law. It shall present proposed boundary
20 changes to the legislature during the first ten days of any
21 regular session. The boundary change as recommended shall become
22 effective forty-five days after presentation to the legislature
23 or at the end of the legislative session, whichever is earlier,
24 unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of
25 the members of each house of the legislature. Cities shall
26 retain such powers regarding boundaries as may be conferred on
27 them by general law or charter. The commission may recommend to
28 the legislature the procedures whereby a local government
29 boundary may be adjusted by local action.

1 Sec. 6. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE. The Local Boundary Commis-
2 sion shall be attached to the Department of Local Affairs for
3 such administrative, technical and secretarial service as it may
4 require in carrying out its duties.

5 Sec. 7. MEMBERS: COMPENSATION. Members of the commission,
6 for time spent at meetings authorized by the governor to carry
7 out the provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to receive the
8 transportation and per diem allowances authorized by law for
9 members of state boards.

10 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect
11 immediately upon its passage and approval or upon its becoming
12 law without such approval.

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