

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 351

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the duties and powers of
7 the Local Boundary Commission and procedures
8 for the exercise of those duties and powers;
9 repealing Ch. 185, SLA 1959; and providing
10 for an effective date."

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

12 Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to establish
13 the duties and powers of the Local Boundary Commission, procedures
14 for the exercise of those duties and powers, and to direct a study
15 for the organization of boroughs and the integration of existing
16 special districts.

17 Sec. 2. DUTIES AND POWERS. The commission has the following
18 duties and powers:

19 (1) it may conduct meetings and hearings for the pur-
20 pose of considering local government boundary changes and other
21 matters related to local government boundary changes;

22 (2) it may present proposed local government boundary
23 changes to the legislature during the first 10 days of any regular
24 session. The change shall become effective 45 days after presen-
25 tation or at the end of the session, whichever is earlier, unless
26 disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the
27 members of each house;

28 (3) it shall consider any local government boundary
29 change requested of it by the legislature, the director of local

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1 affairs, or a political subdivision of the state;

2 (4) no local government boundary change may be proposed
3 to the legislature unless a hearing on the change has been held in
4 or in the near vicinity of the area affected by the change.

5 Sec. 3. MEETINGS AND HEARINGS. a. Meetings and hearings
6 may be called by the chairman of the commission or by the director
7 of local affairs with the concurrence of the chairman.

8 (1) All meetings and hearings of the commission shall
9 be public.

10 (2) Minutes shall be kept for all meetings and hearings
11 unless the entire proceedings are transcribed, in which case
12 minutes shall be made from the transcription. All minutes are a
13 matter of public record.

14 (3) All votes taken by the commission shall be entered
15 in the minutes.

16 (4) Public notice of any hearing shall be made in the
17 area in which the hearing is to be held at least 15 days before
18 the date of the hearing and the notice shall include the time,
19 date, place, and subject of the hearing. The director of local
20 affairs shall give notice of the hearing at least three times in
21 the press or through other news media or by posting in a public
22 place, whichever is most feasible.

23 b. Three members of the commission constitute a quorum for
24 the conduct of business at a meeting and two members constitute
25 a quorum for the conduct of business at a hearing, provided that
26 a majority of the membership of the commission must vote in favor
27 of a proposed boundary change before it may be presented to the
28 legislature.

29 Sec. 4. PAY. Members of the commission receive no pay but
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1 shall receive travel expenses and per diem as is authorized for
2 members of boards and commissions.

3 Sec. 5. REPEAL. Ch. 185, SLA 1959 is repealed.

4 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day
5 after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without
6 such approval.

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