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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR GILBERT

SENATE BILL NO. 20

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the creating and establishing of unorganized boroughs; dividing the State of Alaska into four unorganized boroughs and designating them by name; describing the boundaries thereof; establishing the respective borough seat of each unorganized borough; providing for the establishment of borough supervisors; providing for the exclusion of organized boroughs within the area of an unorganized borough; and defining the duties thereof."

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

Section 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNORGANIZED BOROUGHES. There are hereby established the following unorganized boroughs in the State of Alaska:

- (1) Southeastern Unorganized Borough
- (2) South Central Unorganized Borough
- (3) Central Unorganized Borough
- (4) Northwestern Unorganized Borough

Sec. 2. BOUNDARIES. The boundaries of each of the unorganized boroughs are as follows:

(1) Southeastern Unorganized Borough: All of the territory lying within the area comprising Election Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, as said Election Districts are described in

1 Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of Alaska on the  
2 effective date of this Act.

3 (2) South Central Unorganized Borough: All of the  
4 territory lying within the area comprising Election Districts 7,  
5 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, as said Election Districts are des-  
6 cribed in Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of Alaska  
7 on the effective date of this Act.

8 (3) Central Unorganized Borough: All of the territory  
9 lying within the area comprising Election Districts 15, 16, 17,  
10 18, 19 and 20, as said Election Districts are described in Article  
11 XIV of the Constitution of the State of Alaska on the effective  
12 date of this Act.

13 (4) Northwestern Unorganized Borough: All of the ter-  
14 ritory lying within the area comprising Election Districts 21, 22,  
15 23 and 24, as said Election Districts are described in Article  
16 XIV of the Constitution of the State of Alaska on the effective  
17 date of this Act.

18 Sec. 3. UNORGANIZED BOROUGH SEATS. The borough seats of  
19 the State of Alaska as fixed by law and designated in this section  
20 are declared to be the borough seats of the respective unorganized  
21 boroughs.

22 (1) The borough seat of the Southeastern Unorganized  
23 Borough is Juneau.

24 (2) The borough seat of the South Central Unorganized  
25 Borough is Anchorage.

26 (3) The borough seat of the Central Unorganized Borough  
27 is Fairbanks.

28 (4) The borough seat of the Northwestern Unorganized  
29 Borough is Nome.

1           Sec. 4. UNORGANIZED BOROUGH SUPERVISORS. The Legislature  
2 shall appoint one borough supervisor in each of the unorganized  
3 boroughs. To be eligible for an appointment to the office of  
4 borough supervisor, a person shall be, at the time of his appoint-  
5 ment, an elector of the unorganized borough in which the duties  
6 of the office are to be exercised. The borough supervisor shall  
7 be the representative of the Legislature to the unorganized  
8 borough for which he is appointed and shall exercise only those  
9 powers as are specifically granted to him by law.

10           Sec. 5. DUTIES OF BOROUGH SUPERVISOR. The duties of the  
11 borough supervisor shall be as follows:

12           (1) To make recommendations to the Legislature regard-  
13 ing the establishment of organized boroughs within the unorganized  
14 borough to which he is appointed;

15           (2) To gather information and make recommendations to  
16 the Legislature regarding the performance of special services by  
17 service areas within organized boroughs which, in the opinion of  
18 the borough supervisor, may be necessary or desirable in such  
19 borough;

20           (3) To make recommendations to the Legislature regard-  
21 ing services presently performed by the state government which  
22 might be more efficiently and economically performed by organized  
23 boroughs, service areas or other local governmental units within  
24 such organized boroughs;

25           (4) To work with any and all agencies of the executive  
26 branch of government, including state and local boundary commis-  
27 sions, which have as their function the advising and assisting of  
28 local governmental units;

29           (5) To assist the judiciary in obtaining space for

1 their functions, including space for state's attorneys and law  
2 enforcement agencies;

3 (6) To assist in the election, formation and organiza-  
4 tion of local governmental units within the exterior boundaries  
5 of the unorganized borough in which the duties of the office of  
6 borough supervisor are exercised.

7 Sec. 6. EFFECT IN THE EVENT OF THE FORMATION OF AN ORGANIZED  
8 BOROUGH. When any organized borough is formally, and as a matter  
9 of law, created and established, it shall thereafter be excluded  
10 from the boundaries of any unorganized borough; provided, however,  
11 if any property within the organized borough is subject to any  
12 existing contractual or contingent obligation it shall continue  
13 to be so obligated, notwithstanding the incorporation of such  
14 property into the newly created organized borough.

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