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IN THE SENATE

BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SENATE BILL NO. 90

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide for reservation of the powers of the initiative and referendum to the people of every political subdivision of the State with reference to all legislative authority and amendments to charters for its own government; and establishing procedures for exercising said powers."

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

Section 1. RESERVATION OF POWERS. The powers of the initiative and referendum reserved by the Constitution to the people of the State, are hereby reserved to the people of every political subdivision now existing or which shall hereafter be created within this State, with reference to all legislative authority which it may exercise, and amendments to charters for its own government.

Sec. 2. PETITION-SIGNATURES-FILING. Every petition for either the initiative or referendum in the government of a political subdivision shall be signed by a number of qualified electors residing within the territorial limits of such political subdivision equal to twenty-five per centum of the total number of votes cast at the next preceding general election in the city or borough concerned or special election called for the purpose of electing city or borough officers, and every such petition shall be filed with the chief executive officer of such political

1 therein; and if, at said election, a majority of said electors
2 voting thereon shall vote for such amendment, the same shall
3 thereupon become an amendment to and a part of said charter, when
4 approved and filed in the same manner and form as an original
5 charter is required to be approved and filed.

6 Sec. 6. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM IN HOME RULE CHARTER CITIES
7 AND BOROUGHES. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to Home
8 Rule Charter Cities and Boroughs except as hereafter provided:

9 (a) The initiative and referendum shall be provided for
10 in the Charter of Home Rule Charter Cities and Boroughs subject
11 to the restrictions of Section 7, Article XI of the Alaska
12 Constitution.

13 (b) The Charter provisions shall not require a number
14 of signatures more than one-third of the total votes cast at the
15 immediately preceding general election or special elections called
16 for the purpose of electing city or borough officers in the city
17 or borough concerned, on the initiative or referendum petition.
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