

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29

IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR MCNABB

SENATE BILL NO. 236

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for election wards for the election of the members of the city council of cities of the first class."

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

Section 1. ESTABLISHING WARDS. The city council of each city of the first class shall establish election wards for the election of city councilmen by an ordinance enacted within 60 days after the effective date of this Act or within 60 days after the date of the incorporation of the city as a city of the first class whichever is later. The ordinance shall provide for the following:

- (1) the same number of wards as there are councilmen;
- (2) boundaries for the wards which shall, if possible, be the same as any election precinct boundaries already established in the city and which shall, so far as is possible, provide election wards with equal voting populations;
- (3) allocation of specific seats on the council to specific election wards;
- (4) residency requirements which shall restrict election from an election ward and representing an election ward to those persons who live in the election ward and who have lived in the election ward for at least 30 days and in the city for at least one year;
- (5) changing boundaries from time to time as the

1 city's population shifts so that election wards shall retain, so
2 far as is possible, equal voting populations.

3 Sec. 2. VOTING. Candidates in a municipal election shall
4 run from the respective election wards in which they are resident.
5 Qualified voters may vote upon the candidacy of all the candi-
6 dates, but candidates from each election ward shall run only
7 against other candidates from the same election ward and not at
8 large against all candidates from all the election wards.

9 Sec. 3. TRANSITION OF COUNCILS. After the adoption of
10 the ordinance required by Section 1 of this Act, councilmen may
11 continue to serve until their successors are elected and quali-
12 fied. As each council seat becomes vacant or at each regular
13 election to fill a council seat, it shall be filled in accordance
14 with the ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 1 of this Act.
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29