

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a study and report
6 on maintenance and construction
7 of roads in boroughs.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION
9 ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

10 WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has expressed the
11 belief that state highway fund revenues will not be sufficient
12 to provide for maintenance and construction of local roads after
13 the 1962 fiscal year; and

14 WHEREAS, the Commissioner has proposed that organized
15 boroughs be responsible for the maintenance and construction of
16 local roads and that one cent per gallon of the state tax on
17 motor fuels for highway purposes be shared with the organized
18 boroughs for this purpose; and

19 WHEREAS, this proposal has been made without the benefit of
20 a supporting study showing that it would apply equitably to all
21 areas that might be organized into first or second class
22 boroughs, and further that the added responsibilities imposed by
23 this proposal would not discourage the organization of boroughs
24 for the performance of other local government functions;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second
26 Legislature, First Session assembled, the Senate concurring,
27 that the Division of Local Affairs is requested to conduct in
28 conjunction with the Department of Public Works and with the co-
29 operation of other state agencies and political subdivisions, a

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1 comprehensive study of the feasibility and relative efficiency
2 of the proposal outlined above; that the study be applied to
3 selected election districts deemed most eligible for organized
4 borough status; that the study include, but not be limited to,
5 the following information: mileage of state highways eligible
6 for Federal-aid Highway Act participation, the mileage of local
7 and pioneer access road, the mileage of new local or pioneer
8 access roads proposed for construction, an estimate of the
9 annual maintenance cost per mile, simple estimates of proposed
10 construction cost, including survey and engineering, population
11 of the district and population by class of all incorporated
12 cities and public utility districts within the district with ten-
13 year projections based on the last decennial experience and
14 other pertinent factors, the assessed valuations of organized
15 units of local government and simple estimates of privately-owned
16 property located outside organized units of local governments,
17 municipal and school district sales tax revenues, the number of
18 motor vehicle licenses, annual sales of highway motor fuel by
19 gallons, mileage of local roads and state highway extensions
20 maintained by municipal and public utility district street depart-
21 ments, latest annual budget for each such street department,
22 current value of capital equipment and buildings utilized by such
23 street departments, estimate of initial capital expenditures and
24 annual depreciation schedule necessary for the maintenance of
25 local roads in the district, and any ratios suggested by the
26 above figures for the purpose of comparison; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report of the findings and recom-
28 mendations of the Division of Local Affairs and the Department of
29 Public Works be submitted to the Legislative Council by September
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1 15, 1961, for its review and transmission to the Legislature on
2 or before the day it convenes in 1962.
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