

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. METCALF

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 163

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing local initiative elec-
7 tions to supersede certain regulations of
8 the Board of Fish and Game."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to
11 read:

12 Sec. 16.05. ~~253~~. LOCAL OPTION. (a) The people of an
13 organized borough may by initiative vote

14 (1) declare an area within the borough which,
15 under the rules or regulations of the board is open to the
16 taking of game or a particular species of game, to be closed
17 to the taking of game or a particular species of game;

18 (2) provide for more limited seasons and bag
19 limits than may be provided for under the rules and regula-
20 tions of the board in an area within the borough in which
21 the taking of game is permitted.

22 (b) The initiative election shall be conducted in the
23 manner provided for local initiative elections by AS 29.65.-
24 020 and 29.65.040 or by home rule charter provisions adopted
25 under AS 29.65.060. The initiative ballot shall state
26 clearly the restrictions proposed and the area to which they
27 would apply.

28 (c) A restriction adopted by initiative under this
29 section supersedes a board rule or regulation with which it

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is inconsistent. It shall be treated for all purposes as a substitute rule or regulation of the board, except that it may be changed or repealed only by an initiative election conducted in the same manner as the election in which the restriction was adopted. An election for that purpose may not be held more often than once every three years. This section does not affect the authority of the board to establish rules and regulations when no restriction adopted by initiative under this section is in effect.

* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.250(2) is amended to read:

(2) establishment of open and closed seasons and areas for fish and game, subject to the restrictions of AS 16.05.253;