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Referred: Local Government

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 694

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a proposed charter for a unified  
7 local government; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 29.85.120(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A charter commission established under this chapter shall  
11 prepare, adopt and submit a proposed home rule charter for the area  
12 to be unified to the voters for approval or rejection at a general or  
13 a special borough election called by the borough assembly in accordance  
14 with the notice requirements of AS 07.30.030 and held within 60 days of  
15 the date of publication and posting of the proposed charter as required  
16 in sec. 150 of this chapter [EITHER THE FIRST OR SECOND REGULAR BOROUGH  
17 ELECTION OCCURRING AFTER THE DATE OF THE CHARTER COMMISSION'S FIRST  
18 MEETING, A PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE AREA TO BE UNIFIED].

19 The charter shall include among its provisions:

20 (1) provisions for adjustment of existing bonded indebted-  
21 ness and other obligations in a manner which will preserve a fair and  
22 equitable burden of taxation for debt service;

23 (2) provision for the establishment of

24 (A) service areas;

25 (B) sections, if desired; and

26 (C) reapportionment of the sections, if established;

27 (3) provision for nonpartisan government and provision for  
28 the selection, organization, authority and responsibilities of the  
29 governing body and its executive;

1 (4) the transfer or other disposition of property and other  
2 rights, claims, assets and franchises of the local government to be  
3 unified under the charter;

4 (5) provision for exercise of the rights of initiative and  
5 referendum as required by AS 29.65.060;

6 (6) a method of amending the charter;

7 (7) the date on which the charter, if approved at the  
8 charter election required by sec. 160 of this chapter, is effective;

9 (8) designation of the new municipality's official name,  
10 subject to the provisions of (b) of this section;

11 (9) other charter provisions which the charter commission  
12 elects to include and which may be included in a home rule charter  
13 under this chapter and the constitution of the state.

14 \* Sec. 2. AS 29.85.160(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) If a proposed charter is rejected, the charter commission  
16 shall prepare, adopt and submit a different proposed charter to the  
17 voters at a general or a special borough election called by the borough  
18 assembly in accordance with the notice requirements of AS 07.30.030 and  
19 held within one year of the date of the first charter election [THE NEXT  
20 REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION]. If the second proposed charter is also  
21 rejected, the charter commission shall be dissolved and the question  
22 of unification shall be treated as if it had never been proposed or  
23 approved.

24 \* Sec. 3. AS 29.85.010 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 29.85.010. UNIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZED. An  
26 organized [A FIRST CLASS] borough and all cities within the borough  
27 may unite to form a single unit of home rule local government by  
28 complying with this chapter.

29 \* Sec. 4. AS 29.85.220 is repealed.

1       \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval  
2 or on the day it becomes law without approval.

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