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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. <sup>13</sup>~~21~~

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing that the Constitution of the  
6 State of Alaska be amended to abolish  
7 boroughs and establish certain special  
8 districts.

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

10 \* Section 1. Secs. 2,7,9, 10, 11, and 13 of Art. X of the Constitution  
11 of the State of Alaska are amended, effective July 1, 1969, to read:

12 SECTION 2. All local government powers shall be vested in  
13 [BOROUGH AND] cities, school districts and public utility districts.  
14 The state may delegate taxing powers to [ORGANIZED BOROUGH AND] cities,  
15 school districts and public utility districts only.

16 SECTION 7. Cities shall be incorporated in a manner prescribed  
17 by law [, AND SHALL BE A PART OF THE BOROUGH IN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED].  
18 Cities shall have the powers and functions conferred by law or charter.  
19 They may be merged, consolidated, classified, reclassified, or dis-  
20 solved in the manner provided by law.

21 SECTION 9. The qualified voters of any [BOROUGH OF THE FIRST  
22 CLASS OR] city of the first class may adopt, amend, or repeal a home  
23 rule charter in a manner provided by law. In the absence of such  
24 legislation, the governing body of a [BOROUGH OR] city of the first  
25 class shall provide the procedure for the preparation and adoption or  
26 rejection of the charter. All charters, or parts or amendments of  
27 charters, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the [BOROUGH  
28 OR] city, and shall become effective if approved by a majority of  
29 those who vote on the specific question.

1           **SECTION 10.** The legislature may extend home rule to other  
2 **[BOROUGHS AND]** cities.

3           **SECTION 11.** A home rule **[BOROUGH OR]** city may exercise all legis-  
4 lative powers not prohibited by law or by charter.

5           **SECTION 13.** Agreements, including those for cooperative or joint  
6 administration of any functions or powers, may be made by any local  
7 government with any other local government, with the State, or with  
8 the United States, unless otherwise provided by law or charter. **[A**  
9 **CITY MAY TRANSFER TO THE BOROUGH IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED ANY OF ITS**  
10 **POWERS OR FUNCTIONS UNLESS PROHIBITED BY LAW OR CHARTER, AND MAY IN**  
11 **LIKE MANNER REVOKE THE TRANSFER.]**

12       \* **Sec. 2.** Secs. 3,4,5,6, and 15 of Art. X of the Constitution of the  
13 State of Alaska, are repealed effective July 1, 1969.

14       \* **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed  
15 before the voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity  
16 with sec. 1, art. XIII of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the  
17 State Election Code.

18       \* **Sec. 4.** If the amendments proposed by this resolution are approved by  
19 the voters at the election provided for in sec. 3, the Legislative Affairs  
20 Agency shall prepare necessary and appropriate revisions of law to implement  
21 the amendments, including but not limited to provisions respecting assump-  
22 tion of borough assets, indebtedness and other liabilities, and shall  
23 present the proposed revisions to the First Session of the Sixth Legislature.