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1 IN THE SENATE

BY BEGICH

2 SENATE BILL NO. 177

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the rights of initiative, referen-
7 dum and recall reserved to the people of the organized
8 borough."
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 29.65.020 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 29.65.020. PETITION. (a) Every petition for either the
12 initiative or referendum in the government of a political subdivision
13 shall be signed by a number of qualified voters residing within the
14 territorial limits of the political subdivision, or if the act sought
15 to be initiated or referred pertains exclusively to the area outside
16 cities or to a service area, by a number of qualified voters residing
17 within the area outside cities or within the service area, as the case
18 may be, equal to the following per cent of the total number of votes
19 cast at the next preceding general election in the city or borough or
20 borough area concerned, or special election called for the purpose of
21 electing city or borough officers:

22 (1) 25 per cent, when a city or borough has less than 7,500
23 persons; or

24 (2) 15 per cent, when a city or borough has 7,500 persons
25 or more.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 29.65.090 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 29.65.090. CONTENTS OF PETITION. A petition demanding the
28 election of a successor to the person sought to be recalled shall be
29 filed with the municipal clerk. The petition shall be signed by

1 qualified voters equal in number to at least 25 per cent of the entire
2 vote cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, except
3 that in the case of an elected borough official the petition shall be
4 signed by qualified voters equal to at least 25 per cent of the entire
5 vote cast at the last regular borough election in the area outside
6 cities or election section, as the case may be, from which the official
7 was elected. The petition shall contain a statement of the grounds on
8 which the recall is sought which is intended solely for the information
9 of the voters.

10 * Sec. 3. AS 07.30.080 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 07.30.080. INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL. (a) The
12 powers of initiative and referendum reserved by the state constitution
13 to the people of the state are also reserved to the people of the
14 organized borough as provided by AS 29.65.010 - 29.65.060. The vote in
15 an initiative or referendum election shall be limited to those voters
16 eligible to sign the initiative or referendum petition.

17 (b) Any elected public official of the organized borough may be
18 recalled as provided by AS 29.65.070 - 29.65.340. The vote in a recall
19 election shall be limited to those voters eligible to sign the recall
20 petition.