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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the unification of local
6 governments.

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

8 WHEREAS there is a significant social value in having government close
9 to the people in order to promote a feeling of identity between the citizens
10 and their government; and

11 WHEREAS such a government encourages citizen participation, the furnish-
12 ing of voluntary services to the government, and the willing acceptance of
13 the decisions of the government; and

14 WHEREAS, in recognition of these principles, many urban areas in other
15 states are decentralizing larger governmental agencies and establishing ad-
16 visory and neighborhood councils to assist in the government; and

17 WHEREAS the charter and actions of the City and Borough of Juneau,
18 Alaska, the first municipality to unify under AS 29.85, will serve as models
19 for other areas of the state; and

20 WHEREAS, under AS 07.15.050(c), a general law borough assembly "may
21 provide for appointed or elected boards to supervise the furnishing of special
22 services in service areas";

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature urges the Assembly of the City and
24 Borough of Juneau, Alaska to consider charter amendments or other appropriate
25 action to (1) increase the size of the city-borough assembly in order to
26 allow smaller population election districts, based insofar as feasible on
27 traditional community boundaries, to have their own representatives; (2) elimi-
28 nate or modify borough-wide voting for assemblymen; (3) enable the voters of
29 Juneau, Douglas and other neighborhoods and communities to choose service

1 area advisory boards which will have some measure of control over the
2 furnishing, financing, and level of services in their respective "unin-
3 corporated city service areas", perhaps will have some administrative authority
4 or supervision over service area programs, and will provide a forum and
5 focus for consideration of neighborhood problems and programs; and (4) pro-
6 vide for a service area advisory board to be dissolved only by a vote of
7 the residents of the service area when the board is no longer considered nec-
8 essary.

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