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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 86

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH 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."

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

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

11 (a) Every petition for either the initiative or referendum in
12 the government of a political subdivison shall be signed by a number
13 of qualified voters residing within the territorial limits of the
14 political subdivision, or, if the act sought to be initiated or
15 referred pertains exclusively to the area outside cities or to a
16 service area, by a number of qualified voters residing within the
17 area outside cities or within the service area, as the case may be,
18 equal to the following per cent of the total number of votes cast at
19 the next preceding general election in the city or borough or borough
20 area concerned, or special election called for the purpose of electing
21 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, ex-
3 cept that in the case of a borough official elected from only the area
4 outside cities or an election section, the petition shall be signed
5 by qualified voters equal to at least 25 per cent of the entire vote
6 cast at the last regular borough election in the area outside cities
7 or election section, as the case may be. The petition shall contain
8 a statement of the grounds on which the recall is sought which is
9 intended solely for the information 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
15 in an initiative or referendum election shall be limited to qualified
16 voters residing in the same area as that from which the petition for
17 the initiative or referendum may bear signatures.

18 (b) Any elected public official of the organized borough may be
19 recalled as provided by AS 29.65.070 - 29.65.340. The vote in a recal
20 election shall be limited to qualified voters residing in the same
21 area as that from which the recall petition may bear signatures.
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