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1 IN THE SENATE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 136

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a local government commission; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

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

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\* Section 1. CREATION, PURPOSE, AND DURATION OF THE COMMISSION. There is  
10 established in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs a temporary  
11 commission to study the division of the unorganized borough into smaller  
12 governmental and administrative units.

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\* Sec. 2. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION. The commission is composed of  
14 the following persons:

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(1) commissioner of community and regional affairs or his designee;

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(2) commissioner of education or his designee;

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(3) chairperson of the Local Boundary Commission or his designee;

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(4) a member of the senate to be appointed by the senate;

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(5) a member of the house to be appointed by the house;

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(6) four citizens appointed by the governor after consulting with

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persons and organizations broadly representative of persons living in the  
22 unorganized borough; at least two of the citizen representatives shall be  
23 registered to vote in the unorganized borough.

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\* Sec. 3. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission shall

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(1) study the unorganized borough of the state in order to make  
26 recommendations to the legislature for its division into smaller governmental  
27 and administrative units;

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(2) study the statutory basis of existing municipal units and  
29 processes in order to make recommendations to the legislature as to the

1 appropriateness of these units and processes in the unorganized borough;

2 (3) appoint review panels or persons from areas within the un-  
3 organized borough in order to have community input for the determination of  
4 boundaries for smaller governmental administrative units;

5 (4) hold public hearings in the unorganized borough;

6 (5) after one year of study submit an interim progress report to  
7 the legislature;

8 (6) after two years of study submit a final report to the legisla-  
9 ture with findings and recommendations for the division of the unorganized  
10 borough into smaller governmental and administrative units;

11 (7) issue requests for proposals to organizations and groups repre-  
12 sentative of persons in the organized borough and after receiving and review-  
13 ing the proposals, contract with one or more of the groups or organizations to  
14 secure public participation in the reports required by this Act; however 20  
15 per cent of the total cost of the contract must be born by the contractor;

16 (8) design and distribute materials and extend technical assistance  
17 in order to insure effective contract compliance;

18 (9) contract through the Department of Community and Regional  
19 Affairs for staff necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

20 (b) The commission may

21 (1) recommend changes in existing borough boundaries;

22 (2) recommend changes in the statutory basis of existing municipal  
23 units and processes.

24 \* Sec. 4. DISSOLUTION OF COMMISSION. After presenting its final report  
25 to the legislature the commission is dissolved.

26 \* Sec. 5. The Local Boundary Commission may defer acceptance of borough  
27 incorporation petitions under AS 29.18.090 until the final report of the  
28 commission has been submitted to the legislature.

29 \* Sec. 6. Neither the enactment of this Act nor the findings of the com-

1 mission may be construed as mandating the formation of local government  
2 units within the unorganized borough.

3 \* Sec. 7. The Department of Community and Regional Affairs through the  
4 division of local government assistance shall act as staff agency for the  
5 commission. The department shall contract for and have administrative super-  
6 vision of the staff of the commission to the extent directed by the commission  
7 and shall lend such other assistance to the commission as the department  
8 considers feasible.

9 \* Sec. 8. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.

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