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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Annuling a regulation of the Department of
6 Environmental Conservation relating to
7 drinking water.

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

9 WHEREAS under AS 44.62.320 the legislature by concurrent resolution
10 adopted by a vote of both houses may annul a regulation of an agency or de-
11 partment; and

12 WHEREAS the Department of Environmental Conservation has adopted regula-
13 tions relating to the monitoring and disinfection of drinking water supplies,
14 in implementation of AS 46.03.020(10)(C) and the federal Safe Drinking Water
15 Act of 1974; and

16 WHEREAS 18 AAC 80.040(b) requires without exception continuous chlorina-
17 tion of any public water supply using surface water as a source and serving
18 more than 25 individuals, despite allowance in federal law (sec. 1415(a)(1)(B)
19 of P.L. 93-523) for a variance from such requirements if such treatment of the
20 water is not necessary to protect the health of persons; and

21 WHEREAS in light of the renowned purity of Alaska's lakes and streams,
22 as well as the long standing cooperation among all Alaskans in safeguarding
23 drinking water sources, a blanket requirement necessitating installation of
24 costly chlorination equipment for all surface water used as a source of
25 drinking water for more than 25 persons is tremendously wasteful of money,
26 equipment, and manpower.

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that administrative re-
28 gulation 18 AAC 80.040(b) is annulled.

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