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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 341

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the requirements for runoff  
7 elections in municipal elections."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 29.28.040 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 29.28.040. REQUIREMENTS FOR [MAJORITY] ELECTIONS. (a) If in  
11 a municipal election no candidate received in excess of 40 per cent of  
12 the votes cast for his respective office, the assembly or council shall  
13 hold a runoff election within two weeks from the date of certification  
14 of the election between the two candidates receiving the greatest number  
15 of votes for the office. Notice of a runoff election shall be published  
16 at least five days before the election. If an assembly or council does  
17 not consist of separately designated seats, votes cast, for purposes of  
18 this subsection, shall be determined by dividing the total number of  
19 votes cast by the number of contested assembly or council seats, unless  
20 the assembly or council provides otherwise by ordinance.

21 (b) The assembly or council may by ordinance require a majority  
22 vote for election of officials. A runoff election or other means of  
23 obtaining a majority may be used.

24 (c) The assembly or council may, by ordinance, exempt the munici-  
25 pality from the requirements of (a) of this section and provide for  
26 plurality vote for election of officials.