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BY THE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 341

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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(c) The assembly or council may, by ordinance, exempt the munici-  
pality from the requirements of (a) of this section and provide for  
plurality vote for election of officials. An ordinance providing for  
an exemption under this subsection is not effective unless ratified  
by a majority of the voters at a regular election or special election  
called for this purpose.