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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 354

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act eliminating third class boroughs."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 29.08.030 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 29.08.030. CLASSES OF GENERAL LAW. General law municipali-
10 ties are of four [FIVE] classes:

- 11 (1) first class boroughs;
12 (2) second class boroughs;
13 (3) [THIRD CLASS BOROUGH];
14 (4) first class cities;
15 (5) second class cities.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 29.08.040(g) is amended to read:

17 (g) A second class borough may reclassify as a first class [OR
18 THIRD CLASS] borough [, AND A THIRD CLASS BOROUGH MAY RECLASSIFY AS A
19 FIRST CLASS OR SECOND CLASS BOROUGH,] in the manner provided by AS 29.-
20 33.270 - 29.33.290 for the addition of powers by boroughs, except the
21 petition or proposal requests reclassification instead of requesting
22 addition of powers.

23 * Sec. 3. AS 29.78.010(1) is amended to read:

24 (1) "borough" means a general law first or [,] second [OR
25 THIRD] class organized borough;

26 * Sec. 4. AS 02.15.260(10) is amended to read:

27 (10) "municipality" means a home rule or general law municipal
28 corporation and political subdivision, which is a first or second class
29 borough or city [, OR A THIRD CLASS BOROUGH,] incorporated under the

1 laws of the state;

2 * Sec. 5. AS 14.12.110 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 14.12.110. SINGLE BODY AS ASSEMBLY AND SCHOOL BOARD. Not-
4 withstanding the provisions of this chapter or other law, a single body
5 may serve as both the borough assembly and borough school board in the
6 manner provided for in this section [THIRD CLASS BOROUGH UNDER AS 07.-
7 17.030], if a borough ordinance for that purpose is approved by the
8 assembly and ratified by a referendum of a majority of the qualified
9 borough voters voting on the question at a regular or special election,
10 and if the public school population within the borough is 500 pupils or
11 less. If a single body serves as both the borough assembly and school
12 board, the borough executive is the presiding officer of the borough
13 assembly and president of the school board and the borough executive
14 has all powers of a borough executive under AS 29.23 except for the
15 veto power.

16 * Sec. 6. AS 38.05.037(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) In areas of the state outside first and [,] second [OR THIRD]
18 class boroughs where there is no municipality with a zoning power, the
19 division of lands shall exercise the zoning power by adopting zoning
20 regulations.

21 * Sec. 7. AS 40.15.070 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 40.15.070. PLATTING AUTHORITY. If land proposed to be sub-
23 divided or dedicated is situated within a first or second class borough,
24 the proposed subdivision or dedication shall be submitted to the borough
25 planning commission for approval. If the land is situated within a city
26 in the unorganized borough, [OR THE THIRD CLASS BOROUGH] the proposed
27 subdivision or dedication shall be submitted to the city planning com-
28 mission for approval. The borough planning commission is the platting
29 authority for the first or second class borough, the city planning

1 commission is the platting authority for the city, and the division of
2 lands is the platting authority in the remaining areas of the state [AND
3 THIRD CLASS BOROUGH] for the change or vacation of existing plats or a
4 portion of such plats, as provided in AS 40.15.075. If the borough or
5 the city does not have a planning commission, the borough assembly or
6 the city governing body, respectively, is the platting authority and the
7 proposed subdivision or dedication shall be submitted to it. No sub-
8 division may be filed for record until it is approved by the platting
9 authority.

10 * Sec. 8. AS 40.15.075 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 40.15.075. AUTHORITY IN THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH [AND THIRD
12 CLASS BOROUGHS]. The division of lands is the platting authority in the
13 area outside organized boroughs and outside cities in the unorganized
14 borough [AND IN THE THIRD CLASS BOROUGH] for only the purposes of
15 hearing and acting on petitions for the change or vacation of plats and
16 shall execute this function substantially in conformity with the provi-
17 sions of AS 29.33.210 - 29.33.240. Costs of publication and mailing as
18 well as other costs authorized in AS 29.33.210 shall be paid to the
19 division by the petitioner. The Department of Natural Resources shall
20 adopt reasonable regulations governing the exercise of the authority
21 conferred by this section upon the division of lands.

22 * Sec. 9. AS 43.35.130 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 43.35.130. REFUND TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. The department shall
24 refund 75 percent of the tax collected from sales of punchboards in an
25 organized borough or city of the first or [,] second [, OR THIRD] class
26 to the local government. The balance shall be deposited in the general
27 fund.

28 * Sec. 10. A municipality which is incorporated as a third class borough
29 on the effective date of this Act may continue to operate as such until

1 December 31, 1984 and shall retain all the rights, powers and privileges
2 which it possessed on the effective date of this Act. A third class borough
3 which has not reclassified itself in the manner provided by AS 29.33.270 -
4 29.33.290 before December 31, 1984, is reclassified as a second class borough
5 on that date.

6 * Sec. 11. The following laws are repealed: AS 29.08.040(h), (i), and
7 (j); AS 29.41; AS 29.43.040(b); and AS 38.05.037(b)(2).

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