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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Annuling a regulation of the Alaska  
Housing Finance Corporation defining  
the term "rural" for purposes of  
administration of its housing loan  
programs.

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

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

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WHEREAS the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation was established in 1971  
to remedy the shortage of safe, sanitary and decent residential housing in  
"remote, underdeveloped or blighted areas", and authority was granted to the  
corporation's board of directors to act, by regulation or other manner pro-  
vided by the corporation's bylaws, to determine the areas of the state which  
were "remote"; and

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WHEREAS the corporation has adopted a regulation, 3 AAC 92.090(16),  
defining the term "rural" as a term which subsumes "remote, underdeveloped  
and blighted areas," and has excluded from the definition of "rural" all  
areas which fall within the corporate limits of the more populous Alaska  
municipalities; and

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WHEREAS the definition adopted by the corporation relies only on popu-  
lation and fails to take into consideration that within most of the munici-  
palities named in the definition there occurs a "rural" environment that may  
be remote from the urban center of the municipality, blighted as to the  
condition of its residential housing, or underdeveloped as to its economic

1 activity or potential, and that these areas could be considered as eligible  
2 for loan activity; and

3 WHEREAS the decision of the board of directors to exclude entire areas  
4 of suburban Alaska merely by reference to corporate limits strongly suggests  
5 that the board members failed to take into account other standards applicable  
6 to the determination of "remote, underdeveloped, or blighted areas" set out  
7 in AS 18.56.210(12);

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that 3 AAC 92.090(16) is  
9 annulled.

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