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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 468

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing certain second class cities to  
7 adopt home rule charters."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 29.08.010 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 29.08.010. HOME RULE. A home rule municipality is a munic-  
11 ipal corporation and political subdivision and is a city [OF THE FIRST  
12 CLASS] or an organized borough that [WHICH] has adopted a home rule  
13 charter. It has all legislative powers not prohibited by law or  
14 charter.

15 \* Sec. 2. AS 29.13.010 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 29.13.010. MUNICIPAL CHARTER ADOPTION. (a) A first class  
17 municipality or second class borough may adopt a charter for its own  
18 government. A second class city may adopt a charter for its own  
19 government if the Department of Community and Regional Affairs deter-  
20 mines from the best figures available that the population of the city  
21 is at least 400 permanent residents. A home rule municipality may  
22 amend its charter or adopt a new one.

23 (b) A charter is framed by a charter commission of seven members  
24 chosen by the municipal voters at a regular or special election. A  
25 candidate for the commission shall be a qualified voter of the munic-  
26 ipality and a resident of the municipality for three years immediately  
27 preceding the election. A charter commission election is called by  
28 filing a petition with the borough assembly or the city council, or by  
29 resolution of the borough assembly or city council. The petition

1 shall be signed by a number of municipal voters equal to 15 percent of  
2 the votes cast in the last regular election of the municipality.

3 \* Sec. 3. AS 29.18.180(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) For the purpose of defraying the cost of transition to  
5 borough or city government and in order to provide for development and  
6 interim governmental operations, each borough and city incorporated  
7 after January 1, 1968, or, in the case of a second class city, incor-  
8 porated or reclassified as a first class or home rule city after  
9 January 1, 1968, other than a unified municipality incorporated under  
10 the provisions of AS 29.85, or a municipality otherwise incorporated  
11 by consolidation, is entitled to an organization grant equal to \$10  
12 for every voter who voted in the [BOROUGH OR CITY] incorporation or  
13 charter election. However, each incorporated borough and each first  
14 class or home rule city incorporated or established by reclassifica-  
15 tion outside an organized borough is entitled to at least \$25,000.