

Offered: 4/26/85  
Referred: Rules

Original sponsors: Cotten and Phillips

1 IN THE HOUSE  
2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 226 (HESS)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to school boards."  
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
8 \* Section 1. AS 14.08.051(d) is amended to read:  
9 (d) Multi-member sections may be created. However,  
10 (1) each seat on the regional board shall be designated by  
11 letter or number and when the declaration of candidacy or other nomi-  
12 nation papers of a candidate for the regional school board are filed  
13 those papers must indicate the seat that the candidate seeks; and  
14 (2) except as provided in (f) of this section, a [NO]  
15 section may not be represented by more than  
16 (A) three members, if a board consists of five  
17 members;  
18 (B) four members, if a board consists of seven  
19 members;  
20 (C) five members, if a board consists of nine members;  
21 or  
22 (D) six members, if a board consists of 11 members.  
23 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.08.051 is amended by adding new subsections to read:  
24 (f) Upon the request of a regional school board, the commis-  
25 sioner may permit a section that contains more than one community to  
26 be represented by more board members than the number set out in (d)(2)  
27 of this section if the commissioner determines that  
28 (1) the regional educational attendance area has had a  
29 pattern of substantial population fluctuations between geographic

1 areas within the regional educational attendance area; and

2 (2) compliance with the requirements of (d)(2) of this  
3 section could result in continuous underrepresentation and overrep-  
4 resentation of sections.

5 (g) In a regional educational attendance area section subject to  
6 (f) of this section, no more than two members may be elected from the  
7 same community unless the population distribution requires otherwise.

8 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.12.030(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) Each borough and city school district with an average daily  
10 membership exceeding 5,000 has a school board of seven, nine or eleven  
11 members, as established by ordinance. School board members may be  
12 elected at large, or as provided in AS 29.23.310.

13 \* Sec. 4. AS 29.23.310 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 29.23.310. ELECTION. Each borough and city school district  
15 has a school board. Members are elected at the regular election held  
16 annually on the first Tuesday of October, unless a different election  
17 date or interval of years is provided by ordinance, for three-year  
18 terms and until their successors take office. All board members are  
19 elected at large, except that, in a school district with an average  
20 daily membership exceeding 5,000, members may be elected by district,  
21 at large, or a combination of district and at large members, in the  
22 manner provided in AS 29.23.023. If school board members are elected  
23 by district, the provisions of AS 29.23.021 - 29.23.031 apply to the  
24 apportionment, recomposition, and reapportionment of school board  
25 seats [BUT SCHOOL ZONES FOR THE ELECTION OF BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARDS MAY  
26 BE ESTABLISHED, ALTERED, OR ABOLISHED AS PROVIDED BY AS 29.23.100].