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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Establishing a Joint House and Senate

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Committee on Unorganized Boroughs.

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

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WHEREAS Alaska has a unique system of local government that differs in constitutional concept and in law from traditional local governments; and

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WHEREAS despite efforts to encourage the formation of local governments, almost three-fourths of the area of the state remains unorganized and without local government; and

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WHEREAS the geographical boundaries of the total unorganized area are too vast for efficiently providing governmental services that are responsive to local needs; and

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WHEREAS under art. X, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the legislature is responsible for providing services in the unorganized area, allowing for maximum local participation and responsibility; and

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WHEREAS if the unorganized area were divided into unorganized boroughs, local participation in governmental decisions would be greatly enhanced;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint House and Senate Committee on Unorganized Boroughs is established to study the unorganized area for the purpose of selecting proposed boundaries that conform to the requirements of art. X, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, to the maximum extent possible, so that the unorganized area may be divided into not less than four and not more than 12 unorganized boroughs; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint House and Senate Committee on

1 Unorganized Boroughs shall prepare a report containing recommendations for  
2 the formation of several unorganized boroughs within the existing unor-  
3 ganized area and submit the report to the Legislature by the fifth day of  
4 the Second Session of the Fourteenth Legislature; and be it

5       FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate appoint four members  
6 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House appoint four members of the  
7 House of Representatives to the Joint House and Senate Committee on Unor-  
8 ganized Boroughs; and be it

9       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint House and Senate Committee on Unor-  
10 ganized Boroughs is authorized to meet between sessions of the Fourteenth  
11 Legislature and is terminated on the fifth day of the Second Session of the  
12 Fourteenth Legislature.