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HOUSE BILL NO. 1

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to school districts; and providing
7 for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.08.031(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The Department of Community and Regional Affairs in consul-
11 tation with the Department of Education and local communities shall
12 divide the unorganized borough into educational service areas [USING
13 THE BOUNDARIES OR SUB-BOUNDARIES OF THE REGIONAL CORPORATIONS ESTAB-
14 LISHED UNDER THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT, UNLESS BY REFER-
15 ENDUM A COMMUNITY VOTES TO MERGE WITH ANOTHER COMMUNITY CONTIGUOUS TO
16 IT BUT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OR SUB-BOUNDARIES OF ANOTHER REGIONAL
17 CORPORATION].

18 * Sec. 2. AS 14.08.031(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) An educational service area established in the unorganized
20 borough [UNDER (a) OF THIS SECTION] constitutes a regional educational
21 attendance area. Each regional educational attendance area must be
22 geographically contiguous and have at least 750 elementary and secon-
23 dary students within its boundaries. As far as practicable, each
24 regional educational attendance area shall contain an integrated
25 socio-economic, linguistically and culturally homogeneous area. In the
26 formation of the regional educational attendance areas, consideration
27 shall be given to the transportation and communication network to
28 facilitate the administration of education and communication between
29 communities that comprise the area. Whenever possible,

1 municipalities, other governmental or regional corporate entities,
2 drainage basins and other identifiable geographic features shall be
3 used in describing the boundaries of the regional school attendance
4 areas.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 14.12.010 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 14.12.010. DISTRICTS OF STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. The
7 districts of the state public school system are as follows:

8 (1) each first class city in the unorganized borough with
9 at least 750 elementary and secondary students is a city school dis-
10 trict;

11 (2) each organized borough is a borough school district;

12 (3) the area outside organized boroughs and outside first
13 class cities is divided into regional educational attendance areas.

14 * Sec. 4. AS 14.12.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (b) A first class city in the unorganized borough with fewer
16 than 750 elementary and secondary students is part of the city or
17 borough school district that is geographically closest to the first
18 class city unless the department determines that a different city or
19 borough school district is more appropriate. A school district formed
20 under this subsection may not have a single body serving as both the
21 assembly and the school board under AS 14.12.110.

22 * Sec. 5. AS 14.12.030(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) Each borough and city school district with an average daily
24 membership of 5,000 or less has a school board of five members, except
25 that the governing body of the borough or city may by ordinance,
26 concurred in by a majority of the district school board, provide for a
27 school board of seven members. In a school district formed under
28 AS 14.12.010(b), the ordinance increasing the school board to seven
29 members must be enacted by the governing body of each borough or city

1 in the school district.

2 * Sec. 6. AS 14.12.030(b) is amended to read:

3 (b) Each borough and city school district with an average daily
4 membership exceeding 5,000 has a school board of seven, nine, or
5 eleven members, as established by ordinance. In a school district
6 formed under AS 14.12.010(b), the ordinance changing the size of the
7 school board must be enacted by the governing body of each city or
8 borough in the school district.

9 * Sec. 7. AS 29.20.300(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) The assembly is the school board for a third class borough.
11 The mayor is the presiding officer of the assembly and president of
12 the school board. However, the mayor may not veto an action of the
13 school board. This section does not apply to a school district formed
14 under AS 14.12.010(b).

15 * Sec. 8. The Department of Education shall take the steps necessary to
16 complete the consolidation of school districts required under this Act by
17 July 1, 1988.

18 * Sec. 9. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).