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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65 (Judiciary)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to dissolution of a municipality."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 29.06.470(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, voters of a
10 municipality may petition for dissolution when the municipality is
11 free of debt, or, if in debt, each of its creditors is satisfied with
12 a method of repayment and

13 (1) the municipality [IT] no longer meets the minimum
14 standards prescribed for incorporation by AS 29.05, or former AS 29.-
15 18.030 if it is a third class borough; [OR]

16 (2) the municipality ceases to use each of its mandatory
17 powers; or

18 (3) dissolution is requested by petition on a form provided
19 by the department signed by a number of voters of the municipality
20 proposed to be dissolved greater than 50 percent of the number of
21 votes cast in the last general election in that municipality.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 29.06.500(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) If the Local Boundary Commission determines that a munic-
24 ipality fails to meet the standards for dissolution, it shall reject
25 the petition. If the commission determines that the municipality
26 meets the standards under AS 29.06.470(a)(1) or (2), it shall accept
27 the petition. If the commission determines that the municipality
28 meets the standards under AS 29.06.470(a)(3) and that dissolution of
29 the municipality is in the best interest of the state, it shall accept

1 the petition.

2 * Sec. 3. AS 29.06.510(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) The Local Boundary Commission shall immediately notify the
4 director of elections of its acceptance of a dissolution petition.
5 Within 30 days after notification, the director of elections shall
6 order an election in the municipality to determine whether the voters
7 desire dissolution. The election shall [MUST] be held at least 30 and
8 not more than 90 days after the election order unless this would cause
9 the election to be held between May 1 and November 1. If the director
10 of elections receives notice of the acceptance of a dissolution
11 petition after April 1, but before October 1, the election shall be
12 held within 60 days after November 1. A person who is a voter of the
13 municipality may vote in the dissolution election.

14 * Sec. 4. AS 29.06.510(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) The director of elections shall certify the election re-
16 sults. If dissolution is approved by a number of voters greater than
17 50 percent of the number of people registered to vote in the munici-
18 pality, the director of elections shall declare that the municipality
19 is dissolved effective on the date of certification.