

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 286

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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 establishing the Rural Governance Council in
7 the Office of the Governor; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. RURAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL. (a) There is created in the
11 Office of the Governor the Rural Governance Council.

12 (b) The Rural Governance Council consists of eight members who serve
13 ex officio, or are appointed by the governor, as follows:

14 (1) the chair of the Local Boundary Commission;

15 (2) five residents of rural areas or small communities, appoint-
16 ed by the governor based upon geographic representation;

17 (3) a resident of the state appointed by the governor and desig-
18 nated as chair of the council;

19 (4) the commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional
20 Affairs who serves as a nonvoting member of the council.

21 (c) The members appointed to the council by the governor serve at the
22 pleasure of the governor.

23 * Sec. 2. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL. The council shall solicit and collect
24 information, testimony, and documentation regarding economic and local
25 governance issues in rural areas and small communities of the state. The
26 council shall report its findings and make recommendations to the governor
27 and the legislature in order to assist the governor and the legislature in
28 reaching fair and equitable solutions to economic problems and problems of
29 local governance in rural areas and small communities of the state. The

1 recommendations must include ones for legislation regarding the estab-
2 lishment of new forms of local governance in those areas.

3 * Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATION. The chair shall call meetings of the council
4 and formulate rules of procedure for the meetings. The chair may designate
5 a vice-chair of the council. The Department of Community and Regional
6 Affairs shall provide whatever administrative services to the council that
7 the commissioner of community and regional affairs determines are necessary
8 to enable the council to perform its functions under this Act.

9 * Sec. 4. COMPENSATION. Members of the council receive no compensation
10 for their services but are entitled to per diem and travel allowances
11 authorized by law for other boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

12 * Sec. 5. TERMINATION DATE OF COUNCIL. The council terminates on June
13 30, 1989.

14 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).