

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY SHULTZ

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to annexations recommended by

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the Local Boundary Commission.

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

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WHEREAS Article X of the Constitution of the State of Alaska encour-

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ages the formation of local governments; and

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WHEREAS municipalities are best operated when they are closest to the

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people governed; and

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WHEREAS residents of a community are the best determiners of what

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system of government best fits the community needs; and

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WHEREAS a municipality can petition the Local Boundary Commission for

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annexation of an area without first consulting with the residents of the

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area to be annexed and without the residents' consent; and

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WHEREAS the Local Boundary Commission was established to consider

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proposed local government boundary changes and may present changes to the

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legislature within the first 10 days of any regular session; and

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WHEREAS various communities in the unorganized borough are studying

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the concept of self-government and this study may conflict with Local

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Boundary Commission recommendations for annexation;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Local Boundary

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Commission is requested to take into full consideration the desire of

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residents of an area in the unorganized borough to be self-governing and

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give them reasonable time to study the concept of self-government; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Boundary Commission is requested

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to postpone for a minimum of 18 months borough annexation procedures for an

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area where the formation of an organized borough is being studied.