

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to annexations recommended by
6 the Local Boundary Commission.

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

8 WHEREAS Article X of the Constitution of the State of Alaska encour-
9 ages the formation of local governments; and

10 WHEREAS municipalities are best operated when they are closest to the
11 people governed; and

12 WHEREAS residents of a community are the best determiners of what
13 system of government best fits the community needs; and

14 WHEREAS a municipality can petition the Local Boundary Commission for
15 annexation of an area without first consulting with the residents of the
16 area to be annexed and without the residents' consent; and

17 WHEREAS the Local Boundary Commission was established to consider
18 proposed local government boundary changes and may present changes to the
19 legislature within the first 10 days of any regular session; and

20 WHEREAS various communities in the unorganized borough are studying
21 the concept of self-government and this study may conflict with Local
22 Boundary Commission recommendations for annexation;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Local Boundary
24 Commission is requested to take into full consideration the desire of
25 residents of an area in the unorganized borough to be self-governing and
26 give them reasonable time to study the concept of self-government; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Boundary Commission is requested
28 to postpone for a minimum of 18 months annexation procedures in an area
29 where the formation of an organized borough is being studied.