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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL  
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36 (C&RA) AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
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; and  
23 WHEREAS the legislature recognizes that the Local Boundary Commission  
24 has statutory and constitutional responsibilities for hearing annexation  
25 petitions;  
26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Local Boundary  
27 Commission is requested to take into full consideration the desire of  
28 residents of an area in the unorganized borough to be self-governing and  
29 give them reasonable time to study the concept of self-government; and

1        **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Local Boundary Commission is requested  
2 to postpone borough annexation procedures until after December 1, 1989, in  
3 an area where the formation of an organized borough is being studied if a  
4 person residing in the area proposed to be annexed and involved in the  
5 organization effort requests the delay.