

Original sponsor(s): Rules/Governor

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 553 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to subsistence uses of fish and
7 wildlife; and providing for an effective date."
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 * Section. 1. AS 16.05.258 is amended by adding a new subsection to
10 read:
11 (g) The Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game shall determine
12 which areas of the state are rural in character based on fish and
13 wildlife use, on the development and diversity of the economy, trans-
14 portation systems, communication links, community infrastructure,
15 educational and cultural institutions, and government institutions,
16 and on other similar factors that may be established by regulation.
17 The boards, where appropriate, shall consider, individually and in
18 the aggregate, communities or areas that are economically, socially,
19 and communally integrated. A community or area with a population of
20 (1) 2,500 or less is rural unless the community or area
21 possesses significant characteristics of a nonrural nature or is part
22 of an urbanized area;
23 (2) more than 2,500 but less than 7,000 may be rural or
24 nonrural, depending on its characteristics;
25 (3) 7,000 or more is nonrural unless the community or area
26 possesses significant characteristics of a rural nature.
27 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.940(26) is amended to read:
28 (26) "rural area" means a community or area of the state
29 designated as "rural" under AS 16.05.258(g) [IN WHICH THE

1 NONCOMMERCIAL, CUSTOMARY, AND TRADITIONAL USE OF FISH OR GAME FOR
2 PERSONAL OR FAMILY CONSUMPTION IS A PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTIC OF THE
3 ECONOMY OF THE COMMUNITY OR AREA];

4 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the effective date of a constitu-
5 tional amendment relating to subsistence that is approved by the voters in
6 the 1990 general election.