

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(CRA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/22/93
Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to police protection service areas in municipalities."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 29.10.200 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (51) AS 29.35.495 (police protection service areas)

5 * Sec. 2. AS 29.35 is amended by adding a new section to article 7 to read:

6 Sec. 29.35.495. POLICE PROTECTION SERVICE AREAS. (a) The
7 residents of an area in a municipality may file a petition with the municipal clerk for
8 formation of a police protection service area for services to be provided by the
9 Department of Public Safety. The petition form shall be supplied by the clerk at the
10 request of a voter. The petition must describe the boundaries of the proposed service
11 area and the additional police protection services to be provided by the Department of
12 Public Safety in the area and shall be signed by a number of voters residing in the
13 proposed service area equal to at least 10 percent of the number of residents in the
14 area who voted in the last regular election.

1 (b) Upon receipt of a petition that meets the requirements of (a) of this section,
2 the municipal clerk shall submit the petition to the commissioner of public safety.
3 Within 30 days after receipt of the petition the commissioner shall notify the clerk of
4 what the estimated actual cost of providing the services in the proposed service area
5 each month will be for a three-year period.

6 (c) Upon receipt by the clerk of notification of the estimated actual cost of
7 providing the additional services in the proposed police protection service area, the
8 question of forming the proposed service area and of levying assessments to cover that
9 estimated cost shall be placed before the voters residing in the proposed service area
10 during the next regular or special election held in the municipality. If the question is
11 approved by a majority of those voting on the question, the service area is formed and
12 the commissioner of public safety shall provide the additional services in that area.

13 (d) The governing body shall levy assessments in the service area to finance
14 the additional police protection services in an amount equal to the estimated actual cost
15 provided by the commissioner of public safety. Payments shall be made to the
16 commissioner by the municipality on a yearly or monthly basis, as determined by the
17 commissioner. The municipality may deduct a reasonable fee from assessments for
18 administrative or other costs incurred by the municipality.

19 (e) At least once every three years an election shall be held by the
20 municipality in a police protection service area formed under this section on the
21 question of continuation of the service area. The commissioner of public safety shall
22 submit a revised notice of the estimated actual cost of providing the services during
23 the next three years for inclusion with the question. If the question is not approved
24 by a majority of the residents voting on the question, the service area is dissolved 120
25 days after certification of the election. If the question is approved, the rate of
26 assessments shall be adjusted by the municipality based upon the commissioner's
27 notice.

28 (f) This section applies to home rule and general law municipalities.