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HOUSE BILL NO. 174

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN

Introduced: 2/24/93
Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to organization of the public school system; and providing for**
2 **an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.08.011(a) is amended to read:
5 (a) It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for public education in **regional**
6 **educational attendance areas** [THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH] and the military
7 reservations in the state.
8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.08.031(a) is amended to read:
9 (a) The Department of Community and Regional Affairs in consultation with
10 the Department of Education and local communities shall **establish and determine the**
11 **boundaries of regional educational attendance areas. A regional educational**
12 **attendance area must have 1,000 or more students in average daily membership**
13 [DIVIDE THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH INTO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE
14 AREAS USING THE BOUNDARIES OR SUB-BOUNDARIES OF THE REGIONAL

1 CORPORATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS
2 SETTLEMENT ACT, UNLESS BY REFERENDUM A COMMUNITY VOTES TO
3 MERGE WITH ANOTHER COMMUNITY CONTIGUOUS TO IT BUT WITHIN
4 THE BOUNDARIES OR SUB-BOUNDARIES OF ANOTHER REGIONAL
5 CORPORATION].
6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.08.031(b) is amended to read:
7 (b) [AN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AREA ESTABLISHED IN THE
8 UNORGANIZED BOROUGH UNDER (a) OF THIS SECTION CONSTITUTES A
9 REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL ATTENDANCE AREA.] As far as practicable, **a**
10 [EACH] regional educational attendance area shall contain an integrated
11 socio-economic, linguistically, and culturally homogeneous area. In the formation of
12 the regional educational attendance areas, consideration shall be given to **how** the
13 transportation and communication network **will** [TO] facilitate the administration of
14 education [AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES THAT
15 COMPRISE THE AREA]. Whenever possible, municipalities, other governmental or
16 regional corporate entities, drainage basins, and other identifiable geographic features
17 shall be used in describing the boundaries of the regional **educational** [SCHOOL]
18 attendance areas.
19 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.08.071(a) is amended to read:
20 (a) In each regional educational attendance area [IN THE UNORGANIZED
21 BOROUGH], the lieutenant governor, within not less than 60 [,] nor more than 90
22 days after the establishment of the regional educational attendance area, shall provide
23 for the election of a regional school board.
24 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.12.010 is repealed and reenacted to read:
25 Sec. 14.12.010. PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS. The public school system
26 consists of the following districts:
27 (1) an organized borough;
28 (2) a home rule or first class city in the unorganized borough with
29 1,000 or more students in average daily membership; and
30 (3) a regional educational attendance area with 1,000 or more students
31 in average daily membership.

1 * Sec. 6. AS 29.35.260(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) A home rule or first class city outside a borough is a city school district
3 **<u>if the home rule or first class city qualifies under AS 14.12.010. A city school</u>**
4 **<u>district</u>** [AND] shall establish, operate, and maintain a system of public schools as
5 provided by AS 29.35.160 for boroughs. A second class city outside a borough is not
6 a school district and may not establish a system of public schools.

7 * Sec. 7. AS 14.12.025 and 14.12.110 are repealed.

8 * Sec. 8. TRANSITION. (a) Existing home rule or first class city school districts and
9 regional educational attendance areas are not affected by this Act until the Department of
10 Community and Regional Affairs, in consultation with the Department of Education and the
11 affected communities, determines that, as a result of the amendment of AS 14.08.031(a) by
12 sec. 2 of this Act and AS 14.12.010 by sec. 5 of this Act, new districts or regional educational
13 attendance areas are required to be established.

14 (b) A term of a member of a school board of a city school district or regional
15 educational attendance area serving on the effective date of this Act is not affected by this Act
16 until a new regional school board is established under AS 14.08.041.

17 * Sec. 9. This Act takes effect July 1, 1993.