

COMMITTEE REPORT

5/7/75

SENATE

Mr. President:

Date _____

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The Committee on FINANCE has had SB 136
under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

- () recommends it DO PASS
- () recommends it DO NOT PASS
- () recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)
- () recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS
- () "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE
- () reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- () "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

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_____ recommends:

_____ Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT

2/6/75

SENATE

Finance

Mr. President:

Date May 6, 1975

The Committee on Community and Regional Affairs has had ~~SB~~ SB 136 creating a local government commission under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR SB 136 AND THAT

The CS
~~CS FOR SB 136~~ DO PASS with amendment

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____ COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Doug C. Willis _____
Brad K. Shalley _____
Ferguson _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:
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_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:

Robert J. Jolley Chairman

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE:

BY: C&RA

TO: CS

SENATE BILL No. 136

HOUSE BILL No. _____

PAGE: 2

LINE: 11-15

Page 2, delete lines 11-15.

Page 2, line 20, delete "may" and insert "shall".

Original sponsor: Health, Education and
Social Services Committee
by request

Offered: 5/7/75
Referred: Finance

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 136

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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21 persons and organizations broadly representative of persons living in the
22 unorganized borough; at least two of the citizen representatives shall be
23 registered to vote in the unorganized borough.

24 * Sec. 3. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission shall

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29 processes in order to make recommendations to the legislature as to the

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17 in order to insure effective contract compliance;

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19 Affairs for staff necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

20 (b) The commission may

21 (1) recommend changes in existing borough boundaries,

22 (2) recommend changes in the statutory basis of existing municipal
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25 to the legislature the commission is dissolved.

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Introduced: 2/6/75
Referred: Community and
Regional Affairs and
Finance

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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL
SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

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- 17 (5) a member of the House;
- 18 (6) two citizens.

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23 (2) appoint advisory groups from areas within the unorganized
24 borough in order to have community input for the determination of boundaries
25 of the smaller administrative units;

26 (3) hold public hearings in the unorganized borough;

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28 the legislature;

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2 borough into smaller administrative units.

3 (b) The commission may

4 (1) design and distribute materials to persons in the unorganized
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6 into administrative units smaller than the current unorganized borough;

7 (2) recommend changes in existing borough boundaries.

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10 * Sec. 5. The findings of the commission may not be construed as mandating
11 the formation of local government units.

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

NINTH Legislature ..FIRST Session

SENATE BILL NO. 136

By THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH

"An Act creating a local government commission."

creating a local government commission

Introduced in the Senate 2/6, 19... 75

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

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Read first time and referred to Committee on

2 6 Community & Regional Affairs And Finance

57 Reported back with *C42A* recommendation that *replace w/ies, amend & do pass to Finance*

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PASS	Effective Date
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Reconsideration

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Signed by President
Sent to House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

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Received from House

Reported correctly enrolled

Sent to Governor

..... By Governor

Filed with Lt. Governor

Chapter No.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. CSSB 136/SB 400
 Title: Creating a Local Government Commission & Companion Appropriation
 Requested by: Senate Finance Date: 12/8/75
 Return Date Requested: 1/1/76
 Agency: Community & Regional Affairs Program: Development

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Local Government Assistance

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL		42.7	21.0			
300 CONTRACTUAL		203.0	3.0			
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		245.7	24.0			

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		245.7	24.0			
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

See fiscal note prepared for SB 136, submitted 2/24/75. The estimate provided therein are increased by \$ 200.0 in contractual services per Sec. 3(a)(7) of CSSB 136 on the assumption that 10 contracts will be let at average cost of \$ 20,000 each (20% additional to be borne by the local contractor) in FY 77 to further secure "public participation." (NOTE: Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee report, Senate Journal, p. 986, recommends deletion of subsection (a)(7)).

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 12-31-75 PREPARED BY: Palmer McCarter

Palmer McCarter, Director
Local Government Assistance Division

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

FISCAL NOTE

Second Special Session - Eighth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill Identification: SB 136
 Title: "An Act creating a Local Government Commission"
 Requested by: Senator Rodcy Date: February 14, 1975
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Community & Regional Affairs Program: Development

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Office of the Governor

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 74	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL	-0-	42.7	21.0	-0-	-0-	-0-
300 CONTRACTUAL		3.0	3.0			
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL.	-0-	45.7	24.0	-0-	-0-	-0-

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	45.7	24.0	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

See Attached

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: February 24, 1975

PREPARED BY: John B. Clelland

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

Assumptions:

1. Commission will hold four meetings in Juneau.
2. Commission will hold three meetings in Anchorage.
3. The Local Boundary Commission chairman resides in Anchorage and the public members are from Nome, Kotzebue, Bethel and Petersburg/Wrangell.

Included in the travel and per diem element is provision for:

1. Seven quarterly meetings of three days each of the Commission during the period July 1, 1975 to December, 1976.
2. Two trips each to the major communities of the various census divisions of the unorganized borough--Kotzebue, Nome, St. Mary's, Bethel, Dillingham, Unalaska/King Cove, Fairbanks, Fort Yukon, Delta Junction/Tok, Galena, McGrath, Nenana, Glennallen, Valdez, Cordova, Yakutat, Hoonah, Petersburg/Wrangell, Craig/Klawock--in furtherance of section 3(a) (3) that public hearings be held in the unorganized borough.
3. One trip each to Ketchikan/Metlakatla, Sitka and Naknek that the members of the Commission may receive testimony in order to recommend changes in the boundaries of existing boroughs, section 3(b) (2).

Per diem claims for the quarterly meetings are based upon full attendance over a period of three days each inclusive of all travel. The per diem rates were computed at current rates for the Commissioners of Community and Regional Affairs and Education and \$50 per day for all other members.

Contractual expenses are for design and printing of materials distributed to persons in the unorganized borough covered under 3(b) (1) and printing of interim and final reports to the Legislature.

Our analysis does not include expenses for advisory groups appointed by the Commission or staff support costs.

I. REQUEST

Bill No. CSSB 136/SB 400
 Title: Creating a Local Government Commission and companion appropriate
 Requested by: _____ Date: May 12, 1975
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Community & Regional Affairs Program: Development

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Community & Regional Affairs:

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Office of the Commissioner

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
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IV. ATTACHMENTS

Fiscal note on SB 136 and attachments thereto. (NOTE: Estimates therein for costs during FY 75 and FY 76 should read FY 76 and FY 77 respectively.)

V. DATE: 5/13/75

PREPARED BY

John B. Chinnick

Original: _____
 Date: _____
 Title: _____

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18 (9) contract through the Department of Community and Regional
19 Affairs for staff necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

20 (b) The commission may

21 (1) recommend changes in existing borough boundaries;

22 (2) recommend changes in the statutory basis of existing municipal
23 units and processes.

24 * Sec. 4. DISSOLUTION OF COMMISSION. After presenting its final report
25 to the legislature the commission is dissolved.

26 * Sec. 5. The Local Boundary Commission may defer acceptance of borough
27 incorporation petitions under AS 29.18.090 until the final report of the
28 commission has been submitted to the legislature.

29 * Sec. 6. Neither the enactment of this Act nor the findings of the com-

1 mission may be construed as mandating the formation of local government
2 units within the unorganized borough.

3 * Sec. 7. The Department of Community and Regional Affairs through the
4 division of local government assistance shall act as staff agency for the
5 commission. The department shall contract for and have administrative super-
6 vision of the staff of the commission to the extent directed by the commission
7 and shall lend such other assistance to the commission as the department
8 considers feasible.

9 * Sec. 8. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.
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9 is established in the Office of the Governor a temporary commission to study
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12 the following persons:

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- 17 (5) a member of the House;
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20 (1) study the unorganized borough of the state in order to make
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23 (2) appoint advisory groups from areas within the unorganized
24 borough in order to have community input for the determination of boundaries
25 of the smaller administrative units;

26 (3) hold public hearings in the unorganized borough;

27 (4) after one year of study submit an interim progress report to
28 the legislature;

29 (5) after two years of study submit a final report to the legisla-

1 ture with findings and recommendations for the division of the unorganized
2 borough into smaller administrative units.

3 (b) The commission may

4 (1) design and distribute materials to persons in the unorganized
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6 into administrative units smaller than the current unorganized borough;

7 (2) recommend changes in existing borough boundaries.

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