

HB

83

CITY OF SEWARD



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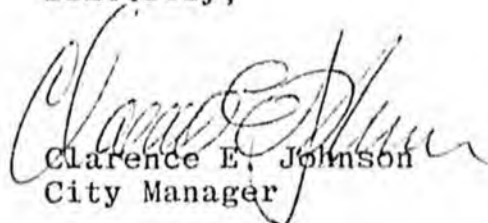
Honorable Keith Specking
Alaska House of Representative
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Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear Keith:

The City of Seward urges your strong objection to HB 83. This bill amends AS 29.68.10 by adding a new section stating that if 10 percent of the qualified voters of an area which is to be annexed or excluded from any proposed local government boundary change, petition for a vote on the question, the local Boundary Commission must conduct at its own expense an advisory vote.

We believe by placing an advisory vote before the Legislature this bill will only further serve to increase the difficulty of Seward in acquiring territory desperately needed to adequately guide OCS support facilities development. Title 29.68.10 (b) (1) already provides that annexation of land by local action must first be approved by a majority of the qualified voters in the area proposed to be annexed. HB 83 would expand this requirement to an advisory vote on all annexation actions, including direct action by the Local Boundary Commission. We feel that this would go way beyond the original purposes of AS 29.68.10 and would for a practical matter, lead to a policy of voter approval of all proposal annexation.

Sincerely,


Clarence E. Johnson
City Manager

cc: All Members of Alaska Legislature