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NOTE FOR HB 873 FILE

This bill was introduced at the original request of Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor John Carlson through the Alaska Municipal League.

Carlson's specific problem is that his Attorney and Staff Director both earn more money than he does.

As far as assemblymen are concerned, there is the problem that no assemblyman can receive a raise that he voted for during his term of office. Therefore there is the anomaly of half of an assembly receiving a lower salary than their recently elected peers.

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**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH**

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May 16, 1978

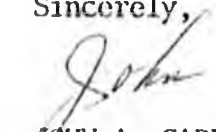
Senator Joe Orsini, Chairman  
Community & Regional Affairs  
Committee  
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: CS For House Bill No. 873

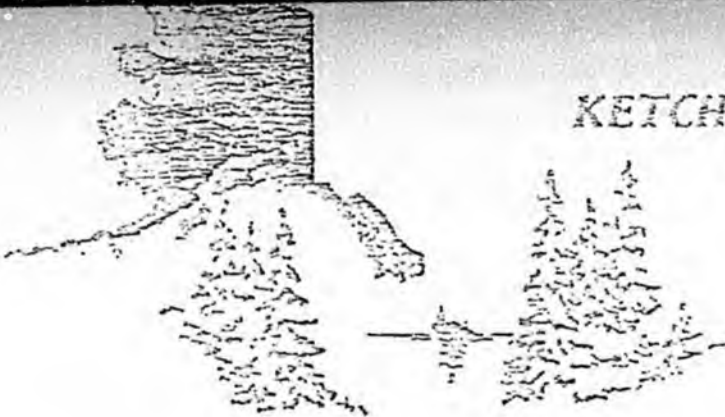
Dear Senator Orsini:

I would appreciate your review of CS For House Bill No. 873 "An Act relating to the salaries of elected municipal officials." This piece of legislation allows for compensation of mayors of municipalities and members of the assembly or council to have their compensation fixed annually by ordinance. Under the present legislation, the compensation of these individuals "may not be changed during a term in office." This causes a problem in that a mayor elected for a three-year term cannot receive a cost-of-living adjustment during his tenure in office. Also an assembly or city council member cannot have their compensation changed during their tenure in office. During budget time, there is a feeling to adjust compensation for assembly or council members but this is not done as it would affect only the newly elected officials at the next election. What would happen if a salary change were adopted is a large percentage of the assembly/council would be compensated less than the newly elected officials. The amendments, as proposed in CS HB No. 873, would allow the compensation to be changed making it uniform throughout the entire council or assembly.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN A. CARLSON  
Borough Mayor

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KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

344 FRONT STREET  
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901

F. 15 873.

March 27, 1978

Re: EB 373

The Honorable Lisa Rudd  
Chairman  
House Community & Regional  
Affairs Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Chairman Rudd:

In our borough, a second-class borough, there are twelve (12) elected officials; mayor, elected-at-large; four (4) assemblymen, elected-at-large from the area outside the City of Ketchikan; a seven (7) assemblymen appointed from the City Council. As a second-class borough the provisions of AS 29.23.530 apply. All our twelve (12) elected officials have 3-year staggered terms. Under the existing provisions of AS 29.23.530 in order to effect an entire salary change for all elected official positions, three elections must take place before all members are receiving the same salary.

A Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly salary change (from \$100 to \$150) commenced with the October, 1975 election and will be completed when those elected in October, 1978 take office at which time all eleven will again be receiving the same compensation.

Having observed this transition from \$100 to 150 per month, it is apparent that among the elected officials, the procedure involved is a point of irritation as all have the same responsibilities.

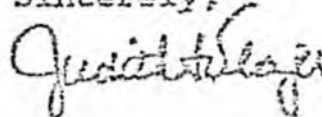
I believe there are sufficient checks in our local government structures to preclude the actions of elected officials from becoming actions directed toward overt personal

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gain at the expense of the local taxpayers. Those local governments to which the existing requirements apply are those smaller municipalities where actions of the elected officials are constantly subject to very close public scrutiny. Elected officials salaries must be set by ordinance on which public hearings are held, these salaries are included in the annual budget on which public hearings are held, and the appropriations needed to pay these salaries are made by ordinance on which public hearing are held.

Therefore, I am of the opinion that the present provisions of AS 29.23.530 are unduly restrictive and I support HB 873 as proposed.

Sincerely,



Judith A. Slajer  
Borough Manager

JAS:jw

cc: KGB Assesby and Mayor  
Jim Rolle, Ex. Director, AML

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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

Box 1267, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

F: HB 873

April 3, 1978

Ms. Lisa Rudd  
Alaska House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: HB 873 "An act relating to the salaries of elected municipal officials"

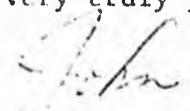
Dear Ms. Rudd:

I wish to present testimony in favor of passage of HB 873.

Having had the privilege of being elected a full time Borough Chairman in October of 1968, when the budget was set in June of 1968 for a part time Borough Chairman, I found that compensation could not be increased because of the wording in the statute. I am very happy to see HB 873 introduced as this would amend this restriction.

I concur that wages should not be decreased, as a person running for that office naturally would expect to receive the compensation shown in the budget, but should, on the other hand, not be restricted from receiving just compensation for his efforts.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN A. CARLSON  
Borough Mayor

JAC:mkr

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## ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

204 N. Franklin St. Juneau, Alaska 99801 (907) 586-1325

April 10, 1978

Representative Lisa Rudd, Chair  
Community and Regional Affairs Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Rudd:

We are writing with regard to HB 873. Although this currently affects only two of our members, Fairbanks North Star Borough and Kenai Peninsula Borough, as more municipalities grow, we may have more.

I think that some of the concerns of the committee are real, and I would therefore suggest an amendment.

On line 73, strike the period after office, and continue the sentence by saying "unless by ordinance generally applicable to all personnel employed by a municipality".

The result would be that salaries may not be reduced during a term of office unless by ordinance generally applicable to all personnel employed by a municipality.

It would appear to us that this is fair as it provides:

- 1) The official could receive a raise as the Assembly saw fit.
- 2) It provides for a reduction as it would apply to all municipal employees.
- 3) It still provides that the salary may be adjusted up or down before the next term begins.
- 4) It also provides that there will not be any discrimination in establishing salaries for the official.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Rolle  
Executive Director

cc: House CPA Committee Members