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COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date: 4-22-53

Mr. President:

The Committee on LIBRARY has had 10

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for HR 137 (S) same title
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- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

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CHAIRMAN

STATE OF ALASKA
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: HB 157 Date on Bill: 2/4/83
 Title: An act to expand the right to petition for a local option election"
 Sponsor: Adams
 Requestor: House Community and Regional Affairs Committee

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital				
Operating				
Total		-0-	-0-	-0-

b. Revenues:

Revenue	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86

2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

3. Assumptions: The Division does not expect an upsurge of petitions for local option elections as a result of this legislation, as it appears that the end of the "Alcohol Project" by Alaska Legal Services has contributed to a decrease of petition activity.

4. Disclaimer: This statement has not been reviewed by the OMB in the Office of the Governor. It do not represent the policy of the Sheffield Administration or the final estimate of fiscal impact.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Persons Interested in the Current Status of Rural Communities With Respect to the State Title 4 Alcohol Local Option Law

FROM: Alaska Legal Services Corporation Alcohol Project

RE: Statewide Village Status Report

DATE: January 14, 1983

The ALSC Alcohol Project was funded by the State Office on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse ("SOADA") to provide statewide on-site community legal education and technical legal assistance on the state Title 4 alcohol local option law. During its existence, the ALSC Alcohol Project worked closely with rural communities throughout Alaska. The ALSC Alcohol Project has terminated.

Approximately 130 rural communities were visited and 50 other rural communities were assisted in some fashion. "Assistance" means a community either requested a petition form, cover letter, and memorandum explaining the law, or a legal opinion of their local village ordinance concerning alcohol control. This Statewide Village Status Report from the ALSC Alcohol Project is a final attempt to provide an adequate profile of individual rural community activity with respect to the state Title 4 alcohol local option law.

Presently, 74 alcohol local option elections have been held. Some communities have now held two elections, with differing results. The present tally is: 1 community has voted for a community liquor license, 51 communities have voted to forbid the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages, 10 communities have defeated the sale and importation option, 2 communities approved and 1 defeated the no sale option, and 1 community defeated the private liquor license option. Several more elections are presently scheduled and many other petitions are being circulated.

If you have any additional information or questions on specific communities, please contact Vivian Kortie at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, 201 East 9th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, or call (907) 277-8638.

Village (Municipality or Village)	Petition Sent (ALSC Visit*)	Option Considered or Voted Upon	Election Results ₂ (yes/no ²)	Effective Dates	Notes
<u>ALEUTIAN/PRIBOY OF REGION</u>					
Atka (EV)	11/10/82	--	--	--	Petitions sent 10/10/82.
St. Paul (M)	5/10/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	47/141	--	ALOL ³ did not pass.
<u>ANCHORAGE/AHTNA REGION</u>					
Chitina (V)	3/03/82*	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	Petition invalid 10/14/82
Copper Center (V)	3/27/82*	--	--	--	new petitions sent 12/23/
Mentasta (V)	10/05/82*	--	--	--	
<u>BRISTOL BAY REGION</u>					
Aleknagik (M)	4/08/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	26/23	--	Many questioned ballots; 1
Ekwok (M)	11/29/82	Ban Sale & Import (V)	20/03	7/1/82	majority vote.
Iliamna (V)	11/24/81*	Ban Sale (V)	35/24	--	Liquor license(s) revoked
Egegik (V)	11/10/82	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	Election scheduled by DOE
Manokotak (M)	11/23/81*	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	Petitions sent 1/13/83.
Newhalen (M)	11/02/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	6/22	--	ALOL ³ did not pass.
Portage Creek (V)	12/01/82*	Ban Sale (C)	--	--	Petitions sent 11/30/82.
Togiak (M)	11/24/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	93/23	6/1/82	
Twin Hills (V)	12/22/81*	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	Election being considered.
Nondalton (M)	12/17/81*	--	--	--	
<u>FAIRBANKS/DOYCH REGION</u>					
Arctic Village (V)	7/23/81	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	
Chalkyitsik (V)	7/15/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	21/02	8/1/82	

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Dot Lake (V)	10/01/82*	Ban Sale (C)	--	--	
Eagle (V)	9/30/82*	--	--	--	
Fort Yukon (M)	12/01/81	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	
Huslia (M)	3/02/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	40/53	12/1/82	Second election; changed vo
Kaltag (M)	11/11/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	50/27	1/3/83	Second election; same vote.
Mentasta (V)	10/05/82*	--	--	--	
Minto (V)	6/23/81*	--	--	--	
Northway (V)	9/29/82*	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	
Nulato (M)	1/07/82	--	--	--	Petitions sent 1/7/82.
Ruby (M)	8/02/82	--	--	--	Petitions sent 8/2/82.
Stevens Village (V)	4/28/82*	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	Petitions sent 4/28/82.
Tanacross (V)	9/28/82*	--	--	--	
Tanana (M)	9/23/82*	Community Liquor Store (V)	90/15	--	Applying for a liquor licen
Tetlin (V)	10/04/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	54/7	1/1/83	
<u>JUNEAU/SEALASKA REGION</u>					
Angoon (M)	4/06/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	72/94	--	ALOL ³ did not pass.
Hydaburg (M)	2/24/82*	Selected Liquor Lic. (V)	43/63	--	ALOL ³ did not pass.
Klavock (M)	10/26/82*	Community Liquor Store (C)	--	--	
Netlakatla (Reservation)	2/14/81*	--	--	--	ALOL ³ not applicable.
Thorne Bay (M)	12/01/82	Ban Sale (V)	--	--	Election improprieties; selected liquor license ap- plied for in January, 1983.
<u>KODIAK REGION</u>					
Larsen Bay (M)	7/19/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	17/38	--	ALOL ³ did not pass.
Old Harbor (M)	6/19/81*	--	--	--	Emergency ordinance to ban sale and import, 7/20/82.

Village (Municipality or Village)	Petition Sent (ALSC Visit*)	Option Considered or Voted Upon	Election Results ² (yes/no)	Effective Dates	Notes
<u>KOTZEBUE/NAANA REGION</u>					
Ambler (M)	11/23/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	29/21	1/1/82	May schedule new election
Buckland (M)	10/02/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	52/06	6/1/82	No special election ordin
Deering (M)	11/24/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	32/24	6/1/82	
Kiana (M)	2/03/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	80/60	12/1/82	Second election -- same results.
Kivalina (M)	9/29/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	65/27	5/1/82	
Kobuk (M)	11/18/82*	--	--	--	Petitions sent 11/12/82.
Noatak (V)	6/10/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	69/53	1/1/83	
Noorvik (M)	5/29/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	95/46	5/1/82	
Selawik (M)	11/23/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	67/66	1/1/82	
Shungnak (M)	11/24/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	59/23	4/1/82	
<u>NOME/BERING STRAITS REGION</u>					
Diomede (M)	9/07/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	27/12	10/1/81	
Elim (M)	6/18/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	47/17	9/1/81	
Gambell (M)	7/22/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	79/10	9/1/81	
Golovin (M)	9/16/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	26/19	7/1/81	
Koyuk (M)	7/13/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	57/08	9/1/81	
St. Michael (M)	10/14/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	--	--	1/83 special election ordi nance enacted, new sale an importation petition being circulated; election conte plated.
Savoonga (M)	8/20/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	103/81	11/1/81	
Shaktolik (M)	9/14/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	30/23	11/1/81	
Shishmaref (M)	10/12/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	82/47	2/1/83	
Stebbins (M)	6/26/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	49/07	8/1/81	
Teller (M)	10/11/82*	--	--	--	
Unalakleet (M)	9/10/81*	--	--	--	

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Wales (M)	7/05/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	29/21	9/1/81	
White Mountain (M)	7/16/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	29/16	4/1/82	Not officially recorded.
<u>NORTH SLOPE REGION</u>					
Anaktuvuk Pass (M)	11/11/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	76/11	1/1/83	
Point Hope (M)	9/15/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	62/39	8/1/82	
Point Lay (V)	2/09/82*	--	--	--	Within incorporated borough ALOL ³ not applicable.
Wainwright (M)	6/11/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	61/42	8/1/82	
<u>YUKON/KUSKOKWIM REGION</u>					
Akiachak (M)	2/02/82*	--	--	--	
Akiak (M)	2/02/82	Ban Sale & Import (V)	--	--	Election improprieties.
Akolmiut (M)	--	Ban Sale & Import (V)	106/35	10/1/81	Not assisted by ALSC.
Alakanuk (M)	3/25/82	Ban Sale & Import (V)	92/24	8/1/81	
Aniak (M)	7/22/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	42/129	--	ALOL ³ did not pass.
Atmautluak (M)	9/01/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	60/12	6/1/82	
Brevig Mission	8/26/82	--	--	--	Petitions sent 12/82.
Chefornak (M)	9/08/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	48/29	11/1/82	Second election.
Caevak (M)	--	Ban Sale & Import (V)	--	--	Election improprieties.
Chuathbaluk (M)	10/08/81*	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	
Crooked Creek (V)	12/09/81*	--	--	--	
Eek (M)	10/19/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	90/15	12/1/82	
Emmonak (M)	9/03/81	Ban Sale & Import (V)	54/12	11/1/81	
Goodnews Bay (M)	4/21/82	--	--	--	
Grayling (M)	12/02/81	Ban Sale & Import (V)	34/34	--	ALOL ³ did not pass; needs majority.

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Holy Cross (M)	7/10/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	50/60	--	Election results never cert
Hooper Bay (M)	10/28/82*	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	Election planned for mid-February.
Kipnuk (V)	9/20/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	82/07	11/1/82	
Kongiganak (V)	9/17/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	50/09	8/1/82	
Kotlik (M)	3/09/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	63/15	10/1/81	
Kwethluk (M)	10/12/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	82/30	3/1/82	
Lime Village (V)	1/21/82*	--	--	--	
Lower Kalskag (M)	1/15/82*	Ban Sale & Import (C)	--	--	Petition died.
Marshall (M)	--	Ban Sale & Import (V)	42/16	8/1/81	Not assisted by ALSC.
Mekoryuk (M)	5/21/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	48/10	10/1/81	
Mountain Village (M)	5/21/81*	--	--	--	
Napakiak (M)	10/02/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	54/14	4/1/82	
Napaskiak (M)	9/08/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	55/04	12/1/82	
Newtok (M)	11/26/82	--	--	--	Petition received 11/26/82
Nightmute (M)	9/08/82*	Ban Sale (V)	39/03	1/1/83	Second election expected.
Nunapitchuk (EV)	7/10/81*	--	--	--	Using emergency ordinance.
Pilot Station (M)	7/10/81*	--	--	--	Using emergency ordinance.
Platinum (M)	--	Ban Sale & Import (V)	11/08	2/1/82	CRA ³ assisted with election
Quinhagak (M)	9/14/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	79/26	11/1/81	
Red Devil (V)	1/21/82	Ban Sale (V)	12/22	--	ALOL ³ did not pass.
St. Mary's (M)	9/01/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	63/48	10/1/81	
Seaman Bay (M)	11/09/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	57/10	1/1/82	
Shageluk (M)	6/22/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	--	--	ALOL ³ did not pass.

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Sheldon Point (M)	9/03/81*	--	--	--	
Sleetmute (V)	8/10/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	23/20	8/1/82	
Stony River (V)	8/12/82*	--	--	--	
Tuksook Bay (M)	10/03/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	78/32	12/1/81	
Tuluksak (M)	9/09/82*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	61/16	11/1/82	
Tununak (M)	5/21/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	90/11	9/1/81	
Tuntutuliak (V)	12/01/81*	Ban Sale & Import (V)	47/20	9/1/82	
Upper Kalskag (M)	1/15/82*	--	--	--	

NOTE¹: The four option choices for municipalities (first and second-class and home-rule cities) are:

1. Selected liquor license;
2. Community liquor license;
3. Banning the sale of alcoholic beverages;
4. Banning the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages.

Established villagers may choose option 1, 3, or 4.

NOTE²: For those villages which have chosen the option to ban sale and importation, a "yes" vote means that a voter wishes to stop the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages. A "no" vote means that a voter does not wish to stop the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages under the state alcohol local option law.

NOTE³: ALOL -- Alcohol Local Option Law.
 ALOE -- Alcohol Local Option Election.
 CRA -- Community and Regional Affairs; Division of Local Government Assistance.

NOTE⁴: As of May 18, 1982, the United States Department of Justice approved the Alaska State Title 4 alcohol local option law submission under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. The state of Alaska is a "Voting

Rights Act State," which means that when there is any "change in the standard practice or procedure" in voting, the state or other appropriate agency is required to obtain approval from the United States Department of Justice.

This approval means that the alcohol local option law elections already held by municipalities in the state of Alaska are valid. This approval also means that the established villages can hold alcohol local option law elections with the assistance of the Division of Elections.

This approval means that no objection under the Voting Rights Act can be raised with respect to the alcohol local option law elections held unless someone has actually been denied his or her right to vote, thus prejudicing the election.

NOTE⁵: After receiving encouragement from many rural Alaskan priests, religious organizations and residents, the Alaska House of Representatives and Senate passed a law, Senate Bill 765, dealing with the sacramental wine exception to the state Title 4 alcohol local option law.

The new law changed A.S. 04.11.496 (b), which is the law allowing communities to vote to prohibit the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages. The amendment of A.S. 04.11.496 (b) stated that if a majority of the people in a community vote to prohibit the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages, a person "may not knowingly send, transport, or bring an alcoholic beverage into the municipality or established village, unless the alcoholic beverage is sacramental wine to be used for bona fide religious purposes based on tenets or teachings of a church, is limited in quantity to the amount necessary for religious purposes, and is dispensed only for religious purposes by a person authorized by the church or religious body to dispense sacramental wine."

This language means that the only alcoholic beverages which can come legally into a community which has voted to stop sale and importation of alcoholic beverages is wine to be used only in a religious service. The wine is to be an amount to be used only in religious service. Only a priest or someone authorized by the priest can receive the wine and give it to people in a religious ceremony.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee Members

FROM: Representative Al Adams *APA*
Prime Sponsor of HB 157

SUBJ: HB 157, An act to expand the right to
petition for a local option election

HB 157 clarifies language in the local option statute to enable unincorporated communities within an organized borough to conduct an election. Currently, communities within an organized borough cannot conduct an election unless they are separately incorporated because the power of legislation in such communities rests almost exclusively in the borough government.

In 1981, the legislature made a number of changes in Title 4 but unfortunately the status of such unincorporated communities was overlooked. Three communities -- Point Lay, Karluk and Tyonek -- wanted to hold a local option election last year but were advised by the Division of Elections that they could not. With passage of the new language contained in HB 157, these and similar communities will be able to conduct an election.

Additional information on the need for passage of this legislation is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 157.

I. INTRODUCTION

On June 19, 1981, Governor Hammond signed Senate Bill 65, which cleared up difficulties with the 1980 Title 4 alcohol local option law, AS 04.11.490-04.11.506. Pursuant to the statute "municipalities" may conduct their own alcohol local option elections. "Established villages" may also request alcohol local option elections. These latter elections are conducted by the lieutenant governor.

Under the law, municipality is defined as "an incorporated city, an organized borough, or a unified municipality established under AS 29.68." AS 04.21.080(b)(11). A Municipality may hold a special election and vote upon one of the following four options:

1. Prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages. AS 04.11.490.
2. Community liquor license. AS 04.11.492.
3. Prohibition of the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages. AS 04.11.496.
4. Prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages except by selected licenses. AS 04.11.500.

An "established village" is defined under the statute as "an unincorporated area that

(A) is within the circumference of a circle described by drawing a five-mile radius around a post office station;

(B) has 25 or more permanent residents."

AS 04.11.030(b)(8). An established village may in a special election conducted for that purpose by the lieutenant governor, vote upon one of the following three options:

1. Prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages. AS 04.11.490.
2. Prohibition of the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages.

AS 04.11.496.

3. Prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages except by selected licenses. AS 04.11.500.

Alcohol abuse constitutes a very serious problem in Alaska. The state Title 4 alcohol local option law, AS 04.11.490-04.11.506, has allowed individual communities to deal with the problem on a local level and thus choose a legal remedy which fits the local problem. The results have been largely successful both as a means of controlling alcohol abuse and as an experiment in pure democracy. As of this writing, forty-one communities have held alcohol local option elections and ten more are currently waiting to hold them. Moreover, over twenty other communities have expressed interest in holding alcohol local option elections to the Alaska Legal Services Corporation Alcohol Project. Of the forty-one communities which have already voted, thirty-seven have voted to prohibit the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages.

II. THE PROBLEM

Simply put, the problem is that communities within organized boroughs cannot utilize the state Title 4 alcohol local option law unless separately incorporated because the power of legislation in those communities rests

with virtual exclusivity in the borough government. AS 04.11.080(b)(8) defines "established village" as "an unincorporated area." Since a borough is incorporated, a village lying within a borough cannot be an unincorporated area.

Boroughs exercise certain powers, such as operating a school system and planning, platting, and zoning on an areawide basis, both inside and outside cities within the borough boundaries. AS 29.33.010-29.33.290. Pursuant to AS 29.38.020, second-class boroughs exercise certain municipal powers in areas of the borough outside the cities. These include such things as regulating fireworks, providing water pollution control, constructing local roads, etc. Boroughs can also acquire other powers outside cities by an election of the voters outside cities.

AS 29.48.035 gives municipalities certain regulatory powers. AS 29.48.035(10) provides that a municipality may regulate "alcoholic beverages as provided by 4.15.070." AS 4.15.070 is now repealed but there is a cross-reference to 4.21.010 "for present provisions concerning municipal regulation." AS 4.21.010(a) allows a municipality to adopt ordinances governing barter, sale, consumption of alcoholic beverages as necessary for orderly selling of alcohol within the municipality. AS 4.21.010(b) allows a municipality to adopt an ordinance making sale or importation a misdemeanor after a valid election on the option to prohibit the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages has been held.

The above provisions of Title 29, along with the definition of established village in Title 4, suggest that power to regulate alcohol in a borough in the area outside the borough's cities is given to the borough.

Nonetheless, at least one village, Karluk, in the Kodiak Island Borough, has evinced a desire to hold a local option election and cannot under present law.

An organized borough generally contains more than one community and often contains several. At the time of this writing, no organized borough has yet held an alcohol local option election. The difficulties involved in a multi-community election of this sort are evident. Should a borough hold an alcohol local option election, a strong vote for prohibition in the outlying villages and municipalities could impose that measure upon communities with no desire or need to embrace so draconian a resolution. Conversely, a strong vote to maintain the privilege of buying and consuming alcohol in the larger communities could prevent other communities within the borough from taking effective action to deal with a chronic local problem.

A preferable arrangement would allow the voters of each community in an organized borough to decide for that community and that community alone how the state Title 4 alcohol local option law can best be used. Voters in a community will probably be better informed as to local conditions than they will be to borough-wide conditions. A better informed electorate will naturally make more intelligent decisions at the polls. More importantly, their decision will only affect local conditions and not conditions in other communities within the borough of which they are much less likely to be adequately informed.

III. THE SOLUTION

The proposed legislation will allow villages within organized boroughs to hold an alcohol local option election subject to the same conditions

imposed upon villages outside organized boroughs. The proposed legislation accomplishes this essentially by enlarging the definition of "established village" to include those villages lying within organized boroughs.

The proposed legislation is designed to enlarge the powers of villages within organized boroughs only as regards to their ability to hold local option elections. Section 2 of the proposed legislation expressly limits itself to those purposes. Alaska already has a well established and complex municipal code by which the respective powers of various types of communities are delegated. The proposed legislation will have only a strictly limited effect on the municipal code. It is designed and intended only to allow communities not separately incorporated which lie within organized boroughs to hold alcohol local option elections pursuant to AS 04.11.490-04.11.506. No other impact upon the respective powers of the state, organized boroughs, organized communities, or unorganized communities is foreseen or intended.