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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

File

(11)

Date Referred: April 27, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/4/90

The FINANCE Committee considered:

CSSB 11 (FINANCE)

CS SB NO. 11 (Fin)

BOUNDARY COMMISSION COMPENSATION

"An Act authorizing compensation for members of the state Local Boundary Commission; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- be replaced with _____ the same title
- have attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s):
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

(Date/Dept)

- fiscal impact _____
- zero fiscal note _____
- zero with analysis _____

- fiscal note(s) 3/29/90 / C&RA
- zero fiscal note(s) _____
- zero fn/analysis _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING:

(Check approp. column)

Do Not Pass No Rec Amend

[Signature] Hoffman
[Signature] CARSON
[Signature] Swackhammer
[Signature] BROWN
[Signature] KOPONEN

Signature	Do Not Pass	No Rec	Amend
<u>[Signature]</u> Phillips		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<u>[Signature]</u> Rieger		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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 Chairman's Signature

R/O HFC 5-4-90

STATE OF ALASKA
1990 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: CS SB 11 (Fin)
PUBLISH DATE: 3/29/90

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act..compensation for members
of the State Boundary Commission..."
Sponsor: Senator Sturgulewski
Requestor: _____

Agency Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
BRU: _____
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary) No fiscal impact in FY 90.

This fiscal note assumes 25 days of meeting per year with compensation at \$150 per day.

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Division: Municipal & Regional Assistance Date: March 7, 1990

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 3-7-90
Agency: Department of Community & Regional Affairs

Distribution (by preparer):
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Impacted Agency(ies)

Changes in CSSB // (Fin)
have no fiscal impact.
This fiscal note is
appropriate. 3/29/90 ML

Offered: 3/29/90
Referred: Rules

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Original sponsor(s): SEN. STURGULEWSKI

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 11 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing compensation for members of the
7 state Local Boundary Commission; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 44.47.579 is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 Sec. 44.47.579. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. A member of the
12 Local Boundary Commission is entitled to compensation at a rate of
13 \$150 for each day the member is attending a meeting of the commission.
14 A member is also entitled to receive per diem and travel expenses
15 authorized for members of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

16 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1990.

STATE OF ALASKA

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

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May 4, 1990

Testimony of Charles Bettisworth, Chairman
Local Boundary Commission

TO: House Standing Committee on Finance
Co-Chairmen Ron Larson and Lyman Hoffman

I'd like to first thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments regarding Senate Bill 11 "An Act Authorizing Compensation for Members of the Local Boundary Commission".

The Commission supports this legislation for the following reasons:

The duties and responsibilities of the Commission have increased since the creation of the Local Boundary Commission 33 years ago. At that time, there were only 30 Municipal governments in the State and today there are 163 Borough and Cities.

The Commission, at the time of its creation, met a few times a year. Presently, we meet 15-20 times a year - often in remote communities under hazardous weather conditions.

The additional number of meetings do not account for the additional demands placed upon the commission. Procedures which were simple years ago have become increasingly complex. With revisions adopted last year, Local Boundary Commission regulations make up more than 50 pages of the State code. Actions which used to be processed in 60 days, now may take as long as 9 months.

All of this means that substantially more time is required for Local Boundary Commission members to appropriately act on issues before it.

As an example of the increased workload which the Commission is currently enduring, we have recently completed evaluations of the various petitions for incorporation of the region north of Matanuska-Susitna and south of Fairbanks North Star Borough (Matanuska-Susitna Borough Annexation petition, Denali

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Borough Incorporation petition and the Valley's Borough Incorporation Petition). The Commission reviewed over 700 pages of documents. These documents included the petitions, Departmental reports and draft reports and hearing supplements. Additionally, the Commission held 7 sets of hearings in 7 communities over a period of 3 days. Finally, on a separate weekend, the Commission conducted a decisional meeting in Healy. Next Friday we will meet for the ninth time on these petitions, this time to approve a formal written document outlining the basis for our decisions. We are looking at similar levels of activity for petitions submitted by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the City and Borough of Juneau, all of which require action this year.


The Local Boundary Commission is a quasi-judicial commission. The issues before it are often controversial, over the years many decisions of the Commission have been challenged in court. The Alaska Supreme Court has rendered a number of decisions regarding the actions of the Commission. It is incumbent upon the Commission to act with care and thoroughness.

The Local Boundary Commission is one of only two constitutionally-mandated State Commissions (the University of Alaska Board of Regents being the other). Our duties and responsibilities are commensurate with those of many of the other State boards and commission which are compensated. It seems only appropriate that the Local Boundary Commission be compensated.

Finally, the impact of the bill is minimal. The fiscal note projects the cost at \$18,750 annually.

We very strongly urge you to approve Senate Bill 11 and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Charles Bettisworth
Chairman