

SB

2008

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/10/98

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 2-25-98

Judiciary Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 208

"An Act relating to municipal service areas and providing for voter approval of the formation, alteration, or abolishment of certain service areas."

and recommends:

be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)

adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

further referral to the _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR" _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Stan Arnold</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>1/7 Ellis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Mike Dillee</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>1/7</i>			
<i>Janice</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
CHAIR: <i>John L. Taylor</i>		CHAIR:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
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APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: SB 208
(S) Publish Date: 2-10-98

Revision Date: 2/9/98 (form correction) Dept. Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
 Title: An Act relating to municipal service areas and providing for voter ... BRU: none
 Component: none
 Sponsor: SENATOR PARNELL
 Requestor: Senate CRA Committee COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GFMHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current (FY98) impact \$ none

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation provides for voter approval of the formation, alteration, or abolishment of certain municipal service areas. This legislation would have no fiscal impact on the department.

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 Division: Division of Administrative Services Date: 2/05/98
 Approved by Commissioner: Kurt for Mike Brown Date: 2/05/98
 Agency: Community & Regional Affairs

Alaska State Legislature

SENATE DISTRICT 1

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Dimond	Bird Creek/Indian
Independence Park	Girdwood
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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 208

"An act providing for voter approval of the alteration or abolishment of certain municipal service areas"

This legislation was introduced as a means of strengthening local control of service areas. These areas have enabled residents to assess themselves to the particular degree and scope of service they seek without the overhead that typically exists if service were provided by a larger governmental entity.

Essentially, SB 208 would prohibit a borough or municipality from absorbing or abolishing a service area without first requiring a vote of the people covered by the service area.

Board of Supervisors
R.S.A. #25 Bogard
P.O. Box 2274
Palmer, AK. 99645

January 24, 1998

TO: Senator Sean Parnell
State Capitol Room 504
Juneau, AK. 99801

Dear Senator Parnell,

The board of supervisors for R.S.A. # 25 Bogard has discussed Senate Bill 208 and we enthusiastically support it. We believe it is still important to allow taxpayers to have a voice in the spending of their tax monies. Local control is important to the residents of this road service area. Thank you for your assistance in maintaining it.

Sincerely Yours,

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Primary R.S.A. # 25

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January 26, 1998

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Senator Sean Parnell
State Capitol Room 504
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Parnell:

I am chairman of the Scenic Heights Service Area located in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. I support the amendments contained in Senate Bill 208. Several years ago, the Fairbanks North Star Borough mandated that the Scenic Heights Service Area include a noncontiguous subdivision located at approximately one-half mile from the border of the Scenic Heights Service Area. Although our service area objected, we were required to accept the Borough's decision.

The amendments requested in your bill are reasonable because, as you know, the members of the Service Area Commission volunteer their time to assist their community. It is inappropriate for a municipality to impose additional responsibility and time commitments upon the Service Area Commissioners who volunteer their time when the majority of the service area members object to a proposed action.

Thank you for your efforts.

Very truly yours,

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Representative John Davies via facsimile 465-3519

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS

cc:Mail for: Senator Sean Parnell

Subject: SB208

From: vhoefler@mosquiconet.com (Vaughan Hoefler) at CC2MHS1 1/28/98 11:18 AM

To: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA_TRANS

Dear Senator Parnell,

On behalf of the road service area commissioners for the Ester Lump Service Area located near Fairbanks, we support your effort to implement SB 208.

Voter approval for the formation, alteration, or abolishment of certain service areas would allow residents to more fairly decide on such changes. Our service area recently faced an annexation issue in which the Borough sought to add non-contiguous roads several miles distant to our road system. The condition of the roads proposed for annexation were significantly different than our own, built at different times, and subject to

slightly different weather conditions. Nevertheless, the North Star Borough

Rural Services Division presented this annexation issue as the only option to the residents of both areas. Many of our area's residents vented their frustration for not having any "say" in the ability to direct the future of our roads.

After two Assembly meetings, and following the testimony of many residents, the assembly moved for the creation of a separate service area.

Had AS 29.35.450 (voter approval of alteration or abolishment of service areas)

been in effect, our concerns would have been brought forth long before the Borough expended considerable time and funds developing this plan.

Thank you for taking the effort to make these changes, as they will provide service area residents the opportunity to more effectively govern the growth or change of their areas.

Please feel free to call me at 907-452-7955 if you have any questions.

Carol Hoefler

February 6, 1998

Senator Sean Parnell
State Capitol Room 504
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Parnell,

At the regular meeting of the South Fork Community Council on February 5, 1998, the membership voted unanimously to support your efforts in passing Senate Bill 208. Additionally, the Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA) Board of Supervisors is also supportive of your efforts. At the next regular meeting on Feb. 23, I anticipate a motion will be passed to that effect. I will forward you a copy of that motion as soon as possible.

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Respectfully,

- SIGNED -

Chris Ingmanson
South Fork Representative to CBERRRSA
CBERRRSA Chairperson