



LAWS OF ALASKA

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Source

Chapter No.

CSHB 86

12

AN ACT

Providing for municipal name changes.

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

* Section 1. AS 29.95 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 29.95.050. CHANGE OF MUNICIPAL NAME. (a) The governing body of a city or organized borough, whether home rule or otherwise, may change the official municipal name by adopting an ordinance for the purpose and filing the ordinance with the office of the lieutenant governor. Upon receipt of a legally adopted ordinance ratified by the qualified voters voting on the question at a regular or special election, the lieutenant governor shall issue an appropriate order to the municipality changing its existing name. The name change shall become effective on a date fixed in the order and occurring within 45 days of receipt of the ordinance. A copy of the order shall be transmitted to the Local Affairs Agency.

(b) If an ordinance adopted under (a) of this section which results in an order changing the municipal name is subsequently repealed, the lieutenant governor shall issue a further order reinstating the former municipal name within 45 days of the date of the order, unless a different municipal name is adopted by ordinance transmitted to the lieutenant governor for implementation as provided in (a) of this section.

(c) When a municipal name change takes effect by means of an order issued under (a) or (b) of this section, civil or criminal suits, applications, petitions, hearings and other proceedings to which the municipality is a party and pending at or brought after the date the name change

takes effect shall proceed in the name of the municipality as changed by the order.

* Sec. 2. AS 29.08 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 29.08.220. LIMIT ON HOME RULE POWER RELATING TO MUNICIPAL NAME CHANGES. AS 29.95.050, relating to municipal name changes, applies to home rule cities.

* Sec. 3. AS 07.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 07.12.060. LIMIT ON POWER RELATING TO MUNICIPAL NAME CHANGES. AS 29.95.050, relating to municipal name changes, applies to home rule boroughs.