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Date: June 21, 1988
Hearing: July 19, 1988
Vote: 3 Yes, 11 No
Action: DEFEATED

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 88-25

PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD BY DESIGNATED SEATS WITH EACH SEAT VOTED ON IN THE ENTIRE BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, all school board candidates currently run in a single race with those receiving the greatest number of votes in excess of 40% of the ballots cast being elected; and

WHEREAS, the school board requested the assembly to establish a plan for election of board members by designated seats within a district; and

WHEREAS, the assembly election districts are based upon a 16 seat body and their use for school elections would result in an imbalanced representation for the 7 member school board; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a districting plan could not be implemented until the school board elections of October 1989; and

WHEREAS, that date is only one year from the 1990 census which would almost certainly cause changes to any election districts created at this time; and

WHEREAS, despite the problems with establishing election districts, the assembly believes it to be desirable to provide that school board members be elected to a specific seat instead of an open election with all candidates running against each other;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding a new section to be numbered KP 4.10.035 which shall read as follows:

4.10.035 School board--Election by seats. The school board shall consist of seven (7) seats lettered A through G. Candidates for the school board shall file for a designated seat and election to that seat will be from votes cast in the race for that seat. The ballot shall identify the seat and all candidates for that seat.

Section 2. That to establish the seats initially, the borough clerk shall assign a seat designation to each of the incumbents on the school board. Upon expiration of the incum-

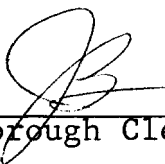
bent's term of office, the seat shall be filled in accordance with KPB 4.10.035 until all seats are filled by a person elected to that seat. No term of an incumbent is to be shortened; however, in the event of a vacancy before a term has expired any election to fill the vacancy shall be by election to the designated seat.

Section 3. That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

~~ENACTED~~
DEFEATED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON
THIS 19th DAY OF July, 1988.

Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Borough Clerk