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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 98-30**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB CHAPTER 4.70 TO  
AUTHORIZE THE USE OF BALLOT COUNTING SYSTEMS  
APPROVED FOR USE IN STATE ELECTIONS**

- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Division of Elections has recently purchased hardware and software for a new ballot counting system for use in state elections; and
- WHEREAS,** the legislation appropriating funding for this new system authorized the Director of the Division of Elections to establish rules, regulations and procedures for the counting of ballots cast in state elections; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly has appropriated funds in the FY 1999 budget to purchase software and hardware that will allow the borough to utilize the same ballot counting system as that purchased by the state; and
- WHEREAS,** currently, the KPB Elections Code authorizes manual counting of paper ballots and computer counting of punchcard ballots, but is silent as to other forms of ballot counting; and
- WHEREAS,** it is in the public interest for the borough's election procedures to conform, to the extent possible, to those employed by the state; and
- WHEREAS,** authorizing the use of election systems approved for use in state elections will allow, but not dictate, conformity when such conformity is in the best interest of the borough and borough voters;

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

**SECTION 1.** KPB Chapter 4.70 is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

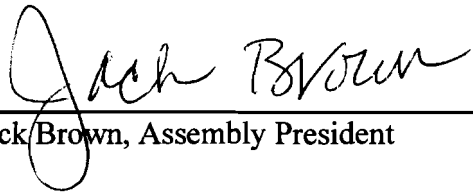
**4.70.100 Other ballot counting systems authorized.**

Nothing in this title prohibits the use of other ballot counting systems which have been approved for use in state elections. The election supervisor, subject to any further approval as may be required

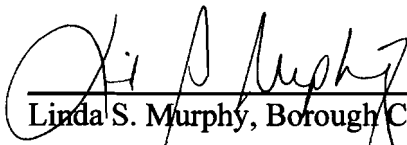
by law, may prescribe rules for the use of these systems or may adopt such rules, regulations and procedures as have been adopted by the state for use in state elections.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect following preclearance by the U. S. Department of Justice.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY, 1998.**

  
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Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

