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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 81-91

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE STATE REAPPORTIONMENT BOARD.

WHEREAS, Alaska's Constitution requires that reapportionment be based upon the official report of the U. S. Census which has been released by the Census Bureau as the 1980 Federal Decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, the State Reapportionment Board is delegated the responsibility to provide fair and effective representation for all Alaskans in accordance with state laws and U. S. Constitutional requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State Reapportionment Board is required to construct, as nearly as practicable, districts of equal population based on the 1980 U. S. Census, composed of contiguous, compact territory, encompassing a relatively integrated socio-economic area, and excluding persons who do not consider themselves to be residents of Alaska from the population base for reapportionment purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Reapportionment Board has made several reapportionment proposals, the latest of which combines Kenai, Soldotna, Anchor Point and Homer into a two member House District, and places North Kenai in a one member district with Seward and Valdez; and

WHEREAS, the latest reapportionment proposed would also place the Kenai Peninsula House District and the North Kenai House District into a new two member Senate District; and

WHEREAS, each of the proposals thus far fragments the Kenai Peninsula Borough by joining it with noncontiguous territory and voting districts which have no political or socio-economic factors in common;

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

Section 1. That the Assembly opposes the latest proposed reapportionment set forth by the State Reapportionment Board because it divides the Kenai Peninsula Borough into election districts which are not composed of contiguous and compact territory and which do not encompass relatively integrated socio-economic areas and possessing political homogeneity.

Section 2. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be served upon the Honorable Jay S. Hammond, Governor of the State of Alaska, the Honorable Jalmar Kerttula, President of the State Senate, the Honorable James Duncan, Speaker of the State House, the Honorable Donald E. Gilman, State Senator, the Honorables Bette Cato, Hugh Malone, and Pat O'Connell, State Representatives.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ON THIS 2 DAY OF June, 1981.

Paul A. Fischer
Paul Fischer, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Fraunce Bryner
Borough Clerk