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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 82-22

REQUESTING THE TWELFTH ALASKA LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION, TO ADOPT SUCH RESOLUTIONS OR TO ENACT SUCH LAWS OR PROPOSE REQUIRED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS WHICH WILL FIX A LIMIT FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE TO NOT MORE THAN 120 DAYS AFTER IT CONVENES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION.

WHEREAS, the recent legislative sessions of the Alaska State Legislature have been marked by time consuming procedural delays and the permission of introduction of bills many weeks into the session; and

WHEREAS, the failure to consider legislative proposals in a timely fashion by requiring their early introduction as legislative proposals in effect delays the productive work of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, such delays and overly long legislative sessions are not in the best interests of the Alaska public, and result in an exorbitant amount of expenditure for legislative sessions not commensurate with the productiveness of the legislative activities; and

WHEREAS, legislative sessions which invade the timely consideration of municipal budgets have a detrimental effect on municipal financing which in turn depends upon the state legislative enactments and programs; and

WHEREAS, the allowance of too much time for preliminaries and legislative process results in a glut of legislation which is necessarily enacted under the pressures of winding down, with most of the important legislation being enacted through conference committee reports and roll calls taken in the eleventh hour of the session; and

WHEREAS, the legislative body can be more productive and efficient if it establishes and abides by a fixed limit for legislative action;

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

Section 1. That the Twelfth Alaska Legislature, Second Session, be requested to take up on a expedited basis the introduction of any and all resolutions, state law proposals,

or constitutional amendments which will establish a limit on regular legislative sessions of the Alaska State Legislature of not more than 120 consecutive calendar days after the date that it convenes for a regular session.

Section 2. This resolution 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 Joe L. Hayes, Speaker of the State House; the Honorable Donald E. Gilman, State Senator; and the Honorables Bette Cato, Hugh Malone, and Pat O'Connell, State Representatives.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1982.

John C. Davis, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Borough Clerk