

Introduced by: McGahan  
Date: Nov. 15, 1983  
Vote: Unanimous  
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 83-217 (Amended)

OPPOSING ANY REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN THAT COMBINES THE NIKISKI AREA WITH ANY PART OF THE STATE OTHER THAN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH AND OPPOSING ANY REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN WHICH CAUSES A LOSS IN THE NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS ELECTED FROM THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, proposed plans have been announced that would combine the Nikiski area into legislative district comprised mainly by portions of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Nikiski area is economically tied to the Kenai Peninsula area rather than the Anchorage area; and

WHEREAS, trade activity of residents of the Nikiski area is conducted in communities of the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the lifestyle of the Nikiski area is significantly different than that of the residents of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the needs and concerns of the Nikiski area are closely related to those of the remainder of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and are not closely related to the needs and concerns of the Anchorage area; and

WHEREAS, a reapportionment scheme that combines various areas of the Borough with areas not part of the Borough to form legislative districts, would be detrimental to effective representation of the Kenai Peninsula Borough;

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

Section 1. That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough hereby opposes any reapportionment plan that would combine portions of the Borough with other areas of the State in order to form legislative districts.

Section 2. That the Assembly supports a plan that would provide for legislative districts that would allow the Kenai Peninsula Borough to be represented as a cohesive unit.

Section 3. That the Assembly opposes any plan which would diminish the number of representatives or senators that would be elected from the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Section 4. That the Assembly endorses and urges efforts to locate the boundaries of voting precincts so that the residents of the Sterling area are not forced to travel to Cooper Landing in order to vote; and


Section 5. That copies of this resolution be distributed to the Honorable William J. Sheffield, Senate President Jalmar M. Kerttula, House Speaker Joe L. Hayes, Senators Don Gilman, and Paul Fischer, Representatives Bette Cato, Milo H. Fritz, Hugh Malone and Vern Hurlbert, and the members of the Reapportionment Commission.

Section 6. That this resolution takes effect immediately on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 15th DAY OF November, 1983.

  
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Joseph C. Arness, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Frances Baymer  
Borough Clerk