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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 83-41

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND TITLE 29 MUNICIPAL ELECTION PROVISIONS TO PERMIT PLURALITY ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the existing provisions of AS 29.28.040 require that if candidates in municipal elections do not receive an excess of 40 percent of the votes cast for his respective office, a runoff election is required; and

WHEREAS, the respective cities, boroughs, school boards, and utility boards included within the term municipal election, are in a better position to determine the political and financial impact of runoff elections upon their particular entity; and

WHEREAS, Article X Section 1, Constitution of Alaska, provides for maximum local self-government;

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

Section 1. That the Thirteenth Alaska Legislature, and the Governor of Alaska are hereby requested to enact and sign legislation to amend AS 29.28.040 to provide for the local government option to determine whether candidates for municipal offices would be elected by a plurality, a majority, or a specific percent of the votes cast for the office.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the Kenai Peninsula Borough distribute copies of this resolution to Governor William J. Sheffield, to Senate President Jalmar M. Kerttulla, to House Speaker Joe L. Hayes, to Senators Donald Gilman and Paul Fischer, to House Representatives Hugh Malone, Bette Cato, Milo Fritz, and Vern Hurlbert, and to the representatives of the Municipal League.

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

  
Donald L. McCloud, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Borough Clerk