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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 83-83

REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROPOSE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND TO AMEND THE ALASKA STATUTES TO GRANT TAXING POWER TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, each borough is a school district under present State laws; and

WHEREAS, each school district elects a school board to conduct the affairs of the school district subject to the taxing authority and certain controls of the borough; and

WHEREAS, the combination of functions and duties between the borough assembly and the school board results in an unworkable administration of the dual affairs of the borough and the school district; and

WHEREAS, conflicts arise because of the borough's responsibility to levy taxes and to approve the school district budget; and

WHEREAS, the assembly finds that Section 2 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Alaska should be amended so that the school districts could be given taxing authority to support their spending; and

WHEREAS, the school districts of the State should have a direct responsibility to the taxpayers in the impact of school budgets on general property taxation; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for the level of taxation should be a disciplinary and limiting function of school district budget proposals;

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

Section 1. That the State Legislature is requested to initiate necessary action which will propose an amendment to the Constitution which will grant school districts taxing authority to implement their budgets by the levy of general property taxes in the school districts, and amendments to the State Statutes which will permit school district budget funding without approval of the borough assembly or the levy of any borough taxes in support of the school districts.

Section 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption, and the Clerk of the Kenai Peninsula Borough is directed to distribute copies of this resolution to Governor

William J. Sheffield, to Senate President Jalmar M. Kerttula, to House Speaker Joe L. Hayes, to Senators Don Gilman and Paul Fischer, to Representatives Hugh Malone, Bette Cato, Milo Fritz, and Vern Hurlbert.

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~~ADOPTED~~ BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 5th DAY OF April, 1983.


Donald L. McCloud, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Borough Clerk