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Action: Adopted as Am.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 84-12

CONDITIONING ALL FUTURE STATE FUNDING OF THE ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND STAFFING OF OFFICES WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, Alaska Legal Services Corporation has repeatedly acknowledged the substantial need, but has failed to respond to the yearly requests of the Kenai Peninsula Bar Association to establish and staff offices within the Kenai Peninsula Borough to provide meaningful legal services for indigent residents of the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the delegates from the various municipalities of the Kenai Peninsula Borough to the 1983 Annual Conference of the Alaska Municipal League led the opposition which resulted in the defeat of a resolution for additional funding for the Corporation because the Corporation was not providing meaningful legal services for indigent Alaskans statewide including the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is the third or fourth major population center within the state of Alaska with approximately 35,000 residents and 19 incorporated and unincorporated cities and villages; and

WHEREAS, the indigent residents of the Kenai Peninsula need meaningful legal representation particularly the the areas of domestic relations, debtor-creditor relations, landlord-tenant and small estate probate;

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

Section 1. That the Second Session of the Thirteenth Legislature and all future legislatures of the state of Alaska and the Honorable Governor William Sheffield and all future governors make the FY 1984 and all future appropriations of state funding for Alaska Legal Services Corporation upon the condition that prior to July 1, 1984, the Alaska Legal Services Corporation establish and staff, and continuously maintain thereafter, the following offices, which shall provide and thereafter continue to provide meaningful legal services, including representation in litigation, in at least the areas of domestic relations,

debtor-creditor relations, landlord-tenant and small estate and probate, for indigent residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough as follows:

a) Offices with a listed telephone number, physical location and mailing address within the Kenai Peninsula Borough in at least the communities of Seward, Homer and the Kenai-Soldotna area;

b) Not less than two full-time attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Alaska;

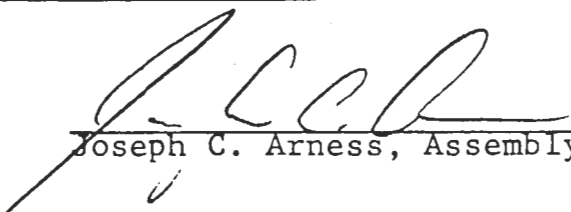
c) Not less than one full-time intake/secretarial position for the Kenai-Soldotna office and not less than one half-time intake/secretarial position for each of the Seward and Homer offices.

d) Allocation of sufficient travel and operating funds to adequately provide said legal services in all three of those municipalities within the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Section 2. That all of the above services, positions and travel funds may be provided by transfers of funds and positions, but not necessarily the transfer of actual staff, from other existing offices, without the necessity of creating additional positions or funding, preferably by transfer from other areas of the state where the Corporation is no longer devoting primary consideration to providing legal services to indigents.

Section 3. That the clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to the Honorable William Sheffield; Senate President, Jay Kerttula; the Speaker of the House, Joe Hayes; Senate Finance Co-Chairmen, Don Bennett & John Sackett; House Finance Chairman, Albert Adams; Chairman House Judiciary Committee, Charley Bussell and Senate Judiciary Committee, Bill Ray; Senators Don Gilman & Paul Fischer; Representatives Hugh Malone, Bette Cato & Milo Fritz; and Lisa Rudd, Commissioner of Administration.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 17th DAY OF January, 1984.

  
Joseph C. Arness, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Borough Clerk