

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(CRA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/10/23**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES CRONK, McCabe**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the reclassification of first class cities as second class cities; and**  
2 **providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5 to read:

6 RECLASSIFICATION OF FIRST CLASS CITIES WITH FEWER THAN 400  
7 PERMANENT RESIDENTS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 29.04.040, a first class city with a  
8 population of less than 400 based on the most recent decennial census conducted by the  
9 United States Bureau of the Census may be reclassified as a second class city if the council  
10 submits a written request to the Local Boundary Commission.

11 (b) If the Local Boundary Commission verifies that the population of the city is less  
12 than 400 persons based on the most recent decennial census conducted by the United States  
13 Bureau of the Census, the Local Boundary Commission shall, within 30 days after receiving  
14 the request, notify the council that the city is eligible for reclassification as a second class city.

1           (c) After the Local Boundary Commission notifies the council of the city's eligibility  
2 for reclassification, the council has 30 days to reject the reclassification. If the council rejects  
3 the reclassification, the council may not petition the department for reclassification for a  
4 period of one year after transmitting the rejection to the Local Boundary Commission. If the  
5 council does not reject the reclassification, the reclassification takes effect 60 days after the  
6 date of notification of eligibility.

7       \* **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this Act is repealed June 30, 2025.

8       \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).