

SENATE BILL NO. 147

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR OLSON

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to boroughs and to village public safety officers."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 18.65.670(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) There is created in the Department of Public Safety a village public safety
5 officer program to assist local governments and villages through nonprofit regional
6 corporations **and boroughs** to appoint, train, supervise, and retain persons to serve as
7 village public safety officers to administer functions relative to

8 (1) the protection of life and property in rural areas of the state; and

9 (2) providing probation and parole supervision to persons under
10 supervision by communicating with and monitoring the activities and progress of these
11 persons at the direction of probation and parole officers.

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.65.670(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) With funds appropriated for that purpose, the commissioner of public
14 safety shall provide grants to nonprofit regional corporations **or boroughs with**
15 **populations of less than 10,000** for village public safety officers **in rural areas of**

1 **the state.** The commissioner of public safety shall coordinate with the commissioner
2 of corrections when providing grants under this section, and the commissioners shall
3 jointly execute an agreement with the nonprofit regional corporations **or boroughs.**
4 **Before providing a grant under this section, the commissioner of public safety**
5 **shall consult with the nonprofit regional corporation for the area and with the**
6 **borough if the area is within a borough.**

7 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.65.670(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) The commissioner of public safety may adopt regulations related to village
9 public safety officers, including minimum standards and training, criteria for
10 community, **borough,** or corporation participation, and the interaction between the
11 Department of Public Safety and village public safety officers. The commissioner of
12 corrections may adopt regulations related to the functions of village public safety
13 officers providing probation and parole supervision.

14 * **Sec. 4.** AS 18.65.670 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (e) Notwithstanding AS 29, a borough has the authority to receive grants from
16 and contract with the Department of Public Safety under this section.