

LAWS OF ALASKA

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

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Exempting solicitations or voluntary agreements to provide ambulance, emergency, or fire 1 2 department services from regulation as insurance; relating to municipal fire protection service 3 area boundary changes. 4 5 \* Section 1. AS 21.03.021 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: 6 This title does not apply to the solicitation of an agreement or an (h) 7 agreement between a prospective recipient of ambulance, emergency, or fire 8 protection services and a municipality or community-based nonprofit that provides 9 ambulance, emergency, or fire protection services. 10 \* Sec. 2. AS 29.35.450(c) is amended to read: 11 (c) If voters reside within a service area that provides road, fire protection, or 12 parks and recreation services, abolishment of the service area is subject to approval by 13 the majority of the voters residing in the service area who vote on the question. A 14 service area that provides road, fire protection, or parks and recreation services in

1 which voters reside may not be abolished and replaced by a larger service area unless 2 that proposal is approved, separately, by a majority of the voters who vote on the 3 question residing in the existing service area and by a majority of the voters who vote 4 on the question residing in the area proposed to be included within the new service 5 area but outside of the existing service area. A service area that provides road, fire 6 protection, or parks and recreation services in which voters reside may not be altered 7 or combined with another service area unless that proposal is approved, separately, by 8 a majority of the voters who vote on the question and who reside in each of the service 9 areas or in the area outside of service areas that is affected by the proposal. This 10 subsection does not apply 11 (1) to a proposed change to a service area that provides fire protection 12 services 13 (A) that would result in increasing the number of parcels of 14 land in the service area or successor service area if the increase is not more 15 than six percent and would add not more than 1,000 residents; 16 (B) in a second class borough that would result in 17 (i) decreasing the number of parcels of land in the 18 service area or successor service area if the owner of the property 19 to be removed from the area requests removal and the removal 20 meets criteria adopted by ordinance; or 21 (ii) increasing or decreasing the number of parcels 22 of land in the service area or successor service area if the parcel is 23 transferred to a service area that provides more accessible fire 24 protection services to the transferred parcel; 25 (2) in a second class borough to abolishment of a road service area or 26 consolidation of two or more road service areas if 27 (A) taxes have not been levied in the service area for road 28 maintenance or construction during the last 12 months and there is no balance 29 in any account available to pay for these road services for the service area; 30 (B) during the last 12 months, the service area board has not 31 met with a quorum present and in accordance with law; or

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1 (C) there are no road maintenance contracts in effect for the 2 service area or the existing road maintenance contracts fail to provide for 3 minimum road standards required by law that are necessary to protect the 4 borough from civil liability;

5 (3) to require approval by the voters residing in a subdivision or parcel 6 proposed to be added to a road service area if roads maintained by the service area 7 provide the only access to the subdivision or parcel or provide access to the 8 subdivision or parcel that is required by the subdivision plat or by other regulation or 9 ordinance;

10 (4) to a change in the boundaries of a road service area to exclude a 11 subdivision or parcel that does not rely on the use of roads maintained by the service 12 area for the subdivision's or parcel's only access or for access that is required by the 13 subdivision plat or by other regulation or ordinance.