

Sponsor Statement for HB 289

Municipal Manager Plan

An Act relating to the effective date of a municipal manager plan that has been adopted and to the effective date of the repeal of a municipal manager plan.

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HB 289, "An Act relating to the effective date of a municipal manager plan that has been adopted and to the effective date of the repeal of a municipal manager." would ensure that a change in a municipal government's form of administration will not affect an existing mayor nor confuse the voters while protecting their rights.

Whenever a municipal government administration change occurs there is potential for confusion. Candidates for strong mayor may be elected to office only to find themselves serving as a ceremonial mayor under a manager plan of government. Candidates for mayor under a manager plan may find themselves elected strong mayor. Voters may be uncertain as to which office they are electing a candidate.

HB 289 corrects this problem by:

Amending **Section 1.** AS 29.20.480(a) to read: **The manager plan takes effect on the day after the last day of the term of mayor in office on the date the plan is adopted by the governing body.**

Amending **Section. 2** AS 29.20.520 to read: **The reorganization provisions take effect on the day after the last day of the term of mayor in office on the date the provisions are enacted.**

By amending **Section. 2** AS29.20.530 to provide for a special election for mayor when a repeal of a manager plan is enacted and more than a year remains on the current mayor's term.

By amending **Section. 3.** AS29.20 to add: a new section to article 6 to allow a special election for mayor when a manager plan takes effect or a manager plan is repealed and more than two years remain in the current mayor's term.

I urge you to join me in supporting this bill