

Sponsor Statement for HB 296

Municipal Merger and Consolidation

An Act relating to mergers and consolidations of municipalities.

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Within Alaska statutes, Title 29 allows municipalities to merge by consolidation or unification. Through the years, many communities have attempted to merge through this process, some successfully, some not so successfully. It is through those efforts that deficiencies in fair voting practices surrounding municipal mergers has come to light.

HB 296 seeks to establish a more fair and timely process in the petition and election of municipal mergers by limiting the time allowed for gathering signatures as well as setting clear requirements for how the outcome of the election is to be determined.