

HAINES BOROUGH
RESOLUTION No. 12-05-363

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE
BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO FILE OBJECTIONS TO AMENDED PROCLAMATION
HOUSE DISTRICT 31.**

WHEREAS, the Assembly previously adopted Resolution 11-03-267 which requested the Redistricting Board ("Board") to maintain the Haines Borough's traditional inclusion in a House District with other rural communities which were relatively socioeconomically integrated with the Borough rather than include Haines Borough residents in a House District with residents of the City and Borough of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly previously adopted Joint Resolution 11-04-268 together with the Municipality of Skagway which requested the Redistricting Board to adopt a redistricting map similar to one proposed by Alaskans For Equitable Redistricting which would place Haines in a House District with a population of Alaska Native residents sufficient to qualify the district as a Southeast Alaska Native Minority Influence District for purposes of the federal voting rights act; and

WHEREAS, the Board initially included a Proclamation House District in its statewide redistricting plan ("Proposed Plan") which substantially satisfied the requests made in the two Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough determined not to oppose the Proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Plan, including its designation of House Districts for Southeast Alaska, was challenged in multiple lawsuits which have been combined into a single case currently before the Alaska Supreme Court ("the Redistricting Lawsuit"); and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2012, the Board was ordered by the Alaska Supreme Court to reconsider the formulation of Southeast Alaska House Districts contained in the Proposed Plan without consideration for the federal voting rights act; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2012 the Board adopted an Amended Proclamation House District 31 which included the Haines Borough with a portion of the City and Borough of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Supreme Court, set a deadline of May 18, 2012 for submission of objections to the Amended Proclamation House Districts for Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has not previously participated in the Lawsuit but believes it is in the public interest of the residents of the Borough to file objections to the proposed Amended Proclamation House District 31;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Borough Attorney is authorized to request the Alaska Supreme Court to allow the Haines Borough to participate in the Lawsuit by filing objections to the proposed Amended Proclamation House District 31 and to lodge proposed objections with the Alaska Supreme Court by the May 18 deadline.

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Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 18th day of
May, 2012


Stephanie Scott, Mayor

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

