

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

## Kenai Peninsula Borough

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Assembly President Gary Knopp  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk *B*

DATE: October 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2011-41: Providing for the Apportionment and Composition of Borough Assembly and Board of Education Seats

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In the October 4, 2011 Regular Municipal Election, the Kenai Peninsula Borough voters considered Proposition No. 3, providing for the apportionment of the Assembly and the Board of Education.

Alaska Statute 29.20.070(d) and KPB 22.30.020(C) both require that within 30 days after certification of election results the assembly adopt an ordinance providing for composition of the assembly, the form of assembly representation that received the most votes, and, if applicable, the apportionment of assembly seats in accordance with the form of representation that received the most votes. Hearing on shortened time is requested in order that this may be heard within thirty days as required by Alaska Statute.

District lines will need to be revised in order to comply with the equal representation standards of the United States and Alaska Constitutions. However, the State has not yet issued final precinct lines. Until those lines are issued, the Clerk's office and GIS cannot draw assembly district lines that coincide as nearly as possible to the State precinct lines. Accordingly, pursuant to this ordinance, a committee of no more than three Assembly members and the Borough Clerk, with support from the administration, shall submit proposed district boundary lines for approval by ordinance within one month of the State's publication of election precinct boundaries or by the first assembly meeting in April 2012, whichever occurs first. This is to provide time for adoption of the revised boundaries before the borough must submit the plan to the Department of Justice for approval and the election filing period in August 2012.

At that time, the determination will be reached as to whether assembly members' terms of office shall be truncated due to deviations from the existing districts.