

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Wayne Ogle, Assembly President  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

**FROM:** Dale Bagley, Assembly Member

**DATE:** December 21, 2017

**RE:** Ordinance 2018-02, Amending the Borough Code to Provide that Vacancies in Service Area Boards May be Filled by Appointed Candidates to Serve for the Remainder of the Term Instead of Just Until the Next Election (Bagley)

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This ordinance would enable people appointed to fill vacancies on service area boards to serve until the term expires instead of just until the next regular election. Currently vacancies on most service area boards are filled until the next regular election or for a three-year term if no unexpired term remains. This means the person filling the vacancy will serve less than a year and then must run for office to continue to serve, even if the term would have continued past the next election had it not been vacated. It is difficult to recruit people to serve on these boards. Further, once a person has served part of a term they become familiar with the operations of the board and service area, minimizing the need for training a new member.

There is no requirement other than borough code that they only serve until the next regular election. Overall, it would save the time and expense of recruiting new people and including them in the election process if people appointed to fill vacancies could serve until the term of their appointed seat expires.

Your support of this ordinance would be appreciated.