

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PROPOSITION SUMMARY

PROPOSITION NO. 1

APPORTIONMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

(To be voted on by all borough voters)

Every ten years, the federal government conducts a census and remits population figures to each state and county in the nation. Both state law and the Borough code require the Borough to review these figures and determine whether the current apportionment of the Assembly meets the constitutional mandate of equal representation and “one person - one vote.” The Borough is further mandated to place one or more plans of apportionment before the voters at its next regular election following final approval of a state redistricting plan.

On January 4, 2022, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly declared itself and the Board of Education to be malapportioned through the adoption of Resolution 2022-003 and authorized the Assembly President to appoint a committee to review the distribution of population within the Borough, to conduct public hearings and solicit public comment with respect to Assembly and Board of Education apportionment, and to develop one or more plans for Assembly and Board of Education apportionment for consideration by the Borough Assembly. This committee met throughout the months of January, February and March. In April, the Committee submitted two different plans to the Assembly and recommended that the Assembly place both plans before the voters in October.

On May 3, 2022, the Assembly adopted Ordinance 2022-07 approving two plans for presentation to the voters. Conceptual maps of the two plans are provided on the following pages.

Plan 1: Nine (9) single member districts. If adopted by the voters, this plan would realign existing Assembly and Board of Education District boundaries to provide districts of approximately 6,533 residents. If the actual qualified voters of an existing Assembly/Board of Education District change by ten percent or more, the Assembly/Board of Education Member representing that District would be required to stand for reelection in October 2023. Additionally, the Assembly would decide whether or not Assembly/Board of Education members representing districts with changes affecting less than 10% of the district’s qualified voters will need to stand for reelection in 2023.

Plan 2: Eleven (11) single member districts. If adopted by the voters, this plan will create eleven (11) new Assembly and Board of Education Districts. Each of these districts will contain approximately 5,345 residents. The eleven (11) Assembly/Board of Education Seats would all be filled at the October 2023 election. The terms of office would be staggered so that three members would be elected for 1-year terms, four members would be elected for 2-year terms and four members would be elected for 3-year terms.

Following certification of the election, the Borough Assembly will adopt an ordinance putting into place the plan that receives a majority of the votes cast in October. Since it is the intent of the Borough to align Assembly Districts to follow state voter precinct lines as nearly as possible, the district lines on the conceptual maps presented prior to the election may be adjusted to follow the new precinct lines which were adopted by the State of Alaska in 2022.

FISCAL NOTE: Plan 2 would add two elected members to borough assembly and two elected members to the board of education. The cost to add two elected members to the borough assembly will add an approximate range of \$13,000 to \$72,000, depending on whether health care and all other benefits are exercised, in total costs to the Borough's annual budget. The cost to add two elected members to the board of education will add an approximate range of \$7,750 to \$59,960, depending on whether health care benefits are exercised, in total costs to the School District's annual budget.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

As approved by Ordinance 2022-07

PROPOSITION NO. 1 APPORTIONMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Choose one of the following plans for Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and Board of Education Representation:

_____ Plan 1: 9 single member districts

_____ Plan 2: 11 single member districts

DESCRIPTION OF APPORTIONMENT PLAN: State law requires that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly adopt an apportionment plan for Borough Assembly representation, following the 2020 federal census.

Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2022-07 meets this requirement by adopting and presenting to the voters for selection two representation and apportionment options, one of which is different from the current plan. The plan receiving the most votes will be put into place after the election.

The first option, Plan 1, would consist of nine (9) districts in the borough. Each district would have one assembly member and one board of education member, elected by the voters of that district.

The second option, Plan 2, would consist of eleven (11) districts in the borough. Each district would have one assembly member and one board of education member, elected by the voters of that district.

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CONCEPTUAL DISTRICTS: Eleven District Assembly

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6
- District 7
- District 8
- District 9
- District 10
- District 11

MAP DATE: 3/3/2022

The information depicted hereon is for a graphical representation only of best available sources. The Kenai Peninsula Borough assumes no responsibility for any errors on this map.

