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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2026-26**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB CODE, KPB 1.20.100 AND KPB
4.30.010, TO ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL**

WHEREAS, in 2007 a citizen’s initiative was approved by the voters amending KPB 1.20.100 by placing a limitation on terms of office for school board members; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Superior Court ruled that the initiative invalid pursuant to state law; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2023, the Assembly unanimously adopted Resolution 2023-060, recommending that the Alaska Legislature enact legislation allowing term limits for school board members and stating that the decision to adopt term limits for local school board members should be allowable under Alaska Statutes and should be a matter of local choice; and

WHEREAS, Assembly members are currently subject to a two-term limit; and

WHEREAS, the 34th Legislature passed Senate Bill 143 which amends State law to include a provision allowing the local governing body of a municipality to alter the terms of office for school board members by an ordinance approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, SB 143 was transmitted to Governor Dunleavy on July 20, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That KPB 1.20.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.20.100. School board—Number of seats—Term of office—Designation of seats.

- A. There is established a school board for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, composed of nine members, who shall be nominated and elected by the qualified voters of the borough as provided in the borough code of ordinances. The board members shall be elected from nine election districts as described in KPB 22.30.010.

- B. School board members are elected at the regular borough election, for three-year terms, and serve until their successors take office.
- C. A person who has served on the school board for two consecutive full terms may not be reelected to that office until 180 days have intervened.

SECTION 2. That KPB 4.30.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.30.010. Candidate qualifications.

- A. A candidate for borough mayor must be a qualified voter of the State of Alaska and a resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough for one year immediately preceding filing for office. A person who has served as mayor for two consecutive full terms may not be reelected to that office until 180 days has intervened.
- B. A candidate for borough assembly must be a qualified voter of the State of Alaska and a resident of the district from which the candidate seeks election for one year immediately preceding filing for office. As provided in KPB 22.30.030(A), a person who has served on the assembly for two consecutive full terms may not be reelected to that office until 180 days have intervened. A full term of office means the regular term of office for assembly and, except as provided in KPB 22.30.030(B), does not include portions of a term served by appointment or election to the remainder of an unexpired term vacated by another person or to a less than three-year term resulting from assembly redistricting.
- C. A candidate for school board must be a qualified voter of the State of Alaska and a resident of the district from which the candidate seeks election for one year immediately preceding filing for office. A person who has served on the school board for two consecutive full terms may not be reelected to that office until 180 days have intervened. A full term of office means the regular term of office for school board and does not include portions of a term served by appointment or election to the remainder of an unexpired term vacated by another person.
- D. A candidate for a service area board must be a qualified voter of the State of Alaska and a resident of the service area for one year immediately preceding filing for office.

SECTION 3. That the first term counted towards the two-term limit on terms served by School Board members, as set forth in Section 1 and Section 2 above, will be for School Board members elected to office in the regular election held November 3, 2026. The first regular election that will be subject to the two term limitation for School Board members is the 2032 regular election.

SECTION 4. That a ballot proposition shall be placed before voters at the next regular election to read as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

Shall Section 1 and Section 2 of Ordinance 2026-26, providing for term limits for school board members, be ratified?

YES _____ A “Yes” vote means you support a term limit for school board members.

NO _____ A “No” vote means you oppose a term limit for school board members.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall be effective upon voter approval of the proposition contained in Section 4 is approved by a majority of voters voting on the question in the regular election of November 3, 2026.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF * 2026.

Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: