

VETOED 4-9-02 ; NO FURTHER
ASSEMBLY ACTION TAKEN

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2002-108 (as amended)

WHEREAS, by letters dated April 12, 2001, the Anchorage Assembly stated its policy preference in State Redistricting then before the Alaska Redistricting Board; and

WHEREAS, central to the Assembly's policy was the criteria that Anchorage House Districts should reflect the entire population of the Municipality, translating into approximately 16.6 House Districts, which position was concurred by Mayor Wuerch in his letter to the Assembly dated May 4 2001; and

WHEREAS, following rejection of a State Redistricting plan by the Supreme Court on April 8, 2002 Mayor Wuerch, without public input or Assembly concurrence, submitted a new proposed Anchorage Redistricting Plan to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's proposed plan allows for only 16.3 Anchorage House seats and, on its face, does not reflect all the full representation to which Anchorage is otherwise entitled under the Federal and State Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's April 8, 2002 proposal has not received concurrence from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and, in fact, also deprives Borough residents of the full representation ~~3.8 House seats~~ to which they are entitled.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:

Section 1: The Assembly on behalf of the residents of Anchorage, restates and confirms its position on redistricting set-forth in the Assembly's letter dated April 12, 2001.

Section 2: For the reasons stated above and particularly because the Mayor's plan deprives Anchorage residents of full representation in House seats as guaranteed under State and Federal Constitutions, the Assembly cannot support the Mayor's proposed Redistricting Plan dated April 8, 2002.

Section 3: That copies of this resolution shall be transmitted immediately to the State Redistricting Board

Section 4: This resolution is effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 9th day of April, 2002.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

*received @ Chambers
11 pm 4/9/02*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2002
TO: Anchorage Assembly
FROM: Mayor George Wuerch
SUBJECT: Veto of Assembly Resolution 2002-108, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly confirming the Assembly's position regarding State Redistricting

Pursuant to the authority cited in the Charter for the Municipality of Anchorage, hereby veto Assembly Resolution 2002-108 for the following reasons:

1. The Assembly Resolution incorrectly states that the Mayor has "submitted a new proposed Anchorage Redistricting Plan..."
2. The Assembly Resolution incorrectly asserts that Anchorage is "guaranteed" a certain number of house seats.
3. The Assembly action restates a position that resulted in a plan that was found unacceptable by the Alaska Supreme Court.

I encourage the Assembly to uphold this veto.