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AN ACT

Relating to the formation of federal transfer regional educational attendance areas in certain villages; and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. Federal transfer schools formerly funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the villages of Akiachak, Akiak, Tuluksak, Chevak, and Chefornak will no longer receive federal funding after fiscal year 1985. The legislature finds that these villages have successfully operated the schools on their own through contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to give these villages the opportunity to continue to operate these schools on their own by forming federal transfer regional educational attendance areas.

* Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding AS 14.08.031, the villages of Akiachak, Akiak, Tuluksak, and Chefornak may hold an election to determine if the villages shall form a single regional educational attendance area and the village of Chevak may hold an election to determine if it shall form its own regional educational attendance area, for the purpose of operating schools in the villages. A regional educational attendance area may be formed only if a majority of the qualified voters of the village of Chevak or the qualified voters of the villages of Akiachak, Akiak, Tuluksak, and Chefornak vote to do so in an election held no later than August 13, 1985. An election may be held in the villages of Akiachak, Akiak, Tuluksak, and Chefornak, and the villages in which a majority of the qualified voters

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1 vote to form a regional education attendance area shall combine to form a
2 single regional educational attendance area. If an election is not held by
3 August 13, 1985, or if the villages vote not to form a regional educational
4 attendance area, the federal transfer schools in each village become part
5 of the regional educational attendance area in which the village is
6 located.

7 (b) If a regional educational attendance area is formed under this
8 section, other schools in the village that are part of the regional educa-
9 tional attendance area in which the village is located and property belong-
10 ing to those schools shall be transferred to the newly formed regional
11 educational attendance area. All existing contracts and obligations of
12 those schools shall be transferred to and honored by the newly formed
13 regional educational attendance area.

14 * Sec. 3. A regional educational attendance area formed under this Act
15 is subject to the provisions of AS 14.08 and other provisions of law relat-
16 ing to regional educational attendance areas. For the purpose of the
17 public school foundation program (AS 14.17), the amount of state aid for
18 each student in average daily membership in a regional educational atten-
19 dance area formed under this Act shall be the same as the amount for the
20 regional educational attendance area in which the village or villages of
21 the newly formed regional educational attendance area are geographically
22 located.

23 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
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