

**SENATE BILL NO. 126**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR SHOWER**

**Introduced: 5/15/19**

**Referred: Education, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to consolidation of school districts; and providing for an effective**  
2 **date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.12.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) When school districts consolidate under AS 14.12.027, the consolidated  
6 school district is a city school district, borough school district, or regional educational  
7 attendance area under (a) of this section as provided in AS 14.12.027(d).

8 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 14.12 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

9 **Sec. 14.12.027. Consolidation of school districts.** (a) Notwithstanding any  
10 other provision of law, the department shall consolidate school districts in the state  
11 from 54 school districts in the state to 18 school districts in the state. Consolidation of  
12 school districts in regional educational attendance areas must be based on common  
13 geographic or cultural needs, as determined by the department.

14 (b) A term of a member of a school board of a school district that is

1 consolidated under (a) of this section terminates when a new school board is  
2 established.

3 (c) A contract, right, liability, obligation, record, equipment, or other property  
4 of a school district consolidated under this section shall be transferred to the  
5 consolidated school district.

6 (d) If a regional educational attendance area and a city school district  
7 consolidate, the resulting school district is a city school district. If a regional  
8 educational attendance area and a borough school district consolidate, the resulting  
9 school district is a borough school district. If a city school district and a borough  
10 school district consolidate, the resulting school district has the same designation as the  
11 school district with the higher ADM, as reported under AS 14.17.500.

12 (e) In this section, "school district" means a city or borough school district or a  
13 regional educational attendance area.

14 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2020.