

Chronological History of Term Limits in the Kenai Borough:

First was an advisory vote in October 1992 where 5100 voted YES vs. 1494 that voted NO. This was followed by Ordinance 92-55 below:

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 92-55
AN ORDINANCE LIMITING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE ASSEMBLY, MAYOR, AND SCHOOL BOARD TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS
<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/AssemblyClerk/Assembly/Ordinances/1992/O92-55.htm>

Ordinance 92-55 was enacted and then repealed by Ordinance 93-33 below:

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 93-33
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE PROVISION REGARDING LIMITING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE ASSEMBLY, MAYOR, AND SCHOOL BOARD TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS
<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/AssemblyClerk/Assembly/Ordinances/1993/O93-33.htm>

In October 1993 voters ratified Proposition 1 (Term Limits for Mayor) 5350 to 2622. Voters ratified Proposition 2 (Term Limits for Assembly) 5778 to 2184. Voters ratified Proposition 3 (Term Limits for School Board) 5701 to 2255.

Just before term limits for School Board took effect, the assembly repealed the SB term limit using ordinance 99-06 below:

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 99-06
AN ORDINANCE CLARIFYING THAT THE TWO-TERM LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN KPB ORDINANCE 93-33 ON ASSEMBLY MEMBERS APPLIES TO FULL TERMS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1994 FOR OFFICIALS FIRST ELECTED IN OR AFTER OCTOBER 1993, AND REPEALING THE TWO-TERM LIMIT ON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/AssemblyClerk/Assembly/Ordinances/1999/O99-06.htm>

Voting in favor of repealing term limits for school board were Assembly members Brown, Sprague, O'Brien, Scalzi and Popp. Voting against repeal Assembly members Merkes and Fischer. Abstain (did not vote): Drathman and Tim Navarre

Just before term limits for Assembly took effect, the assembly repealed their term limit using ord 99-08 below:

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 99-08
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB 22.30.030, TERMS OF OFFICE, TO REPEAL THE TWO TERM LIMIT FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS
<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/AssemblyClerk/Assembly/Ordinances/1999/O99-08.htm>

Voting in favor of repealing term limits for borough assembly were Assembly members Tim Navarre, Brown, Sprague, Drathman, O'Brien, and Popp. Voting against repeal Assembly members Merkes, Fischer and Scalzi.

See memo Pete Sprague used to justify repealing assembly term limits:

<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/AssemblyClerk/Assembly/Ordinances/1999/O99-08%20Memo.htm>

2007 – A.C.T. introduces term limit initiatives with teeth. If approved by the public in October 2007 Assembly and School Board members will become term limited out beginning in the 2007 election. The initiative petitions submitted to the borough on June 5, 2007 can be seen by following these links:

Assembly www.act-kpb.org/AssemblyTermLimit.pdf

School Board www.act-kpb.org/SBTermLimit.pdf

The initiative petition petitions were amended to clarify a transition language and were re-submitted on June 22, 2007. These petitions can be seen by following these links:

Assembly http://www.act-kpb.org/AssemblyTL_2.pdf

School Board http://www.act-kpb.org/SchoolBoardTL_2.pdf

The assembly now has the option of passing this legislation as submitted or waiting for a public vote to decide their fate. Will they do the honorable thing? Just in case the assembly fails to enact this legislation you can help prod them along by collecting signatures, talk radio, letters to the editor, and conversation with your family and friends. Contact A.C.T. and volunteer to help by filling out the form located here:

<http://www.act-kpb.org/volunteers.htm>

August 2007 – After a successful signature drive the term limits petition is certified and placed on the October ballot for voter consideration.

October 2007 – A majority of Kenai Borough Voters approve term limits.

October 2007 – Assembly and School Board Members refuse to comply with results of election. Affected members are seated on advice of Borough Attorney.

Law suits are filed and a judge in Kenai orders borough to comply with assembly term limits.

October 2008 – First Assembly Member is term limited out, 15 years after term limits were first approved by voters!

Spring 2009 – Persistent rumors of plans being made by the assembly to repeal or amend the voter approved term limits compel the Alliance of Concerned Taxpayers to begin collecting signatures on a petition to place the matter before voters.

July 2009 – In less than 26 days, ACT collects 2,746 signatures on a petition to keep term limits that were passed by voters in 2007. NOTE: State Statutes only protects citizen initiated laws against repeal or modification for two years. By putting this question on the ballot in 2009 it will prevent the assembly from deviating from the term limits imposed by voters in 2007.

July 28, 2009 – ACT submits 140 petition booklets to Borough Clerk. The clerk has two weeks to find 1,736 valid signatures out of the 2,764 turned in. Once this is done, the petition will be certified and put on the October 2009 municipal ballot for voters to consider.