

Borough Organizational

Senator Willie Hensley (D-Kotzebue) introduced a bill to increase the minimum organization grants for municipal governments outside an organized borough from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

Asked to comment on the measure, Senator Hensley stated, "I do not consider the present \$25,000 figure a very realistic one considering the costs involved in setting up a local organized government, particularly when one considers the experience of the recently org-

anized North Slope Borough.

"The present figure of \$25,000 is totally inadequate to provide the necessary front money to set up a borough.

"This measure will have a direct effect on the attempts of the unorganized borough to establish borough governments."

The bill, SB 79, has been referred to the committee on Local Government.