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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 5/19/99
Offered: 5/18/99

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act authorizing an advisory vote on a long term financial plan for the
2 state; and providing for an effective date."

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

* Section 1. ADVISORY VOTE. At a special election to be held on September 14, 1999,
in substantial compliance with the election laws of the state, including absentee voting, the
lieutenant governor shall place before the qualified voters of the state a question advisory to
the legislature and the governor. The question shall appear on the ballot in the following
form:

ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION

Balanced Budget Plan: This will preserve the permanent fund dividend,

inflation-proof the permanent fund, support public services, and establish a
citizen Revenue Task Force. The plan will

(1) Protect the Permanent Fund: The principal of the Alaska permanent
fund will remain untouched and inflation-proofed to protect the value
of the fund for current and future generations.

(2) Preserve the Dividend: Dividend payments to qualified Alaskans are continued, and the dividend will grow over time. Dividends will be paid based on the market value of the Alaska permanent fund.

(3) Reduce Spending: Reduce state general fund spending for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

(4) Public Accountability: All permanent fund expenditures will be disclosed to each Alaskan who receives a permanent fund dividend check.

(5) Explore Revenue Options: Establish a citizen's Revenue Task Force to present options to identify revenue sources.

(6) No Income Tax: No personal income tax will be enacted as part of this plan.

Question: Should a portion of permanent fund earnings be used to help balance the state budget after first paying annual dividends to residents and inflation-proofing the permanent fund?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070.