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

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*Section 1.* The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

ADVISORY VOTE. At a special election to be held on April 3, 2007, in substantial compliance with the election laws of the state, including absentee voting and the preparation, publication, and mailing of an election pamphlet under AS 15.58, the lieutenant governor shall place before the qualified voters of the state a question advisory to the legislature and the governor. The election pamphlet for the special election must comply with AS 15.58.020(a)(6), including the requirement that it contain statements that advocate voter approval or rejection of the question. Notwithstanding AS 15.60.005 and other laws relating to preparation of the ballot proposition, the question shall appear on the ballot substantially in the following form:
QUESTION
Shall the legislature adopt a proposed amendment to the state constitution to be considered by the voters at the 2008 general election that would prohibit the state, or a municipality or other subdivision of the state, from providing employment benefits to same-sex partners of public employees and to same-sex partners of public employee retirees?
Yes [ ] No [ ]