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

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* Section 1. AS 29.26.170(a) is amended to read:

(a) Unless substantially the same measure is adopted, when a petition seeks an initiative vote, the clerk shall submit the matter to the voters at the next regular election or, if already scheduled, special election occurring not [NO] sooner than 60 [45] days after certification of the petition. If no [REGULAR] election is scheduled to occur [OCCURS] within 75 days after the certification of a petition and the governing body determines it is in the best interest of the municipality, the governing body may by ordinance order [SHALL HOLD] a special election to be held on the matter before the next election that is already scheduled [WITHIN 75 DAYS], but not sooner than 60 [45] days after certification of the petition.

* Sec. 2. AS 29.26.170(b) is amended to read:

(b) If the governing body adopts substantially the same measure, the petition is void, and the matter initiated may not be placed before the voters.
* Sec. 3. AS 29.26.180(a) is amended to read:

(a) Unless the ordinance or resolution is repealed, when a petition seeks a referendum vote, the clerk shall submit the matter to the voters at the next regular election or, if already scheduled, special election occurring not sooner than 60 [45] days after certification of the petition. If no election is scheduled to occur [OCCURS] within 75 days after certification of a petition, and the governing body determines it is in the best interest of the municipality, the governing body may by ordinance order [SHALL HOLD] a special election to be held on the matter before the next election that is already scheduled [WITHIN 75 DAYS], but not sooner than 60 [45] days after certification of the petition.