

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS – HOUSE BILL 36

- Section 1.** Requires an individual, person, non-group entity, or group that contributes a total of \$500 or more to a group organized for the principal purpose of influencing a bill proposed for inclusion on the ballot as an initiative under AS 15.45.020, to report the individual's, person's, non-group entity's, or group's contribution or contributions on a form prescribed by the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) not later than 30 days after the contribution is made.
- Section 2.** Provides that each person other than an individual shall register with APOC before making an expenditure in support of or in opposition to a proposed initiatives bill filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.020.
- Section 3.** Expands the meaning of "proposition" under AS 15.13.065(c) to include an initiative proposal application filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.020.
- Section 4.** Conforms subsection AS 15.13.110(e) to the enhanced initiative reporting requirements found in the bill's sec. 5.
- Section 5.** Establishes new reporting requirements for initiative committees, persons, groups, or non-group entities making certain contributions or expenditures in support of or in opposition to an initiative proposal application filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.020 or an initiative that has been approved for placement on the ballot.
- Section 6.** Expands the definition of "contribution" applicable to state election campaigns to include certain purchases, payments, promises, or obligations to pay, loans or loan guarantees, deposits or gifts of money, good, or services for which a charge is ordinarily made that is made for the purpose of supporting or opposing an initiatives proposal application filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.020.
- Section 7.** Expands the definition of "expenditure" applicable to state election campaigns to include certain purchases or transfers of money or anything of value, or promises or agreements to purchase or transfer money or anything of value, incurred or made for the purpose of supporting or opposing an initiative proposal application filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.020.
- Section 8.** Prohibits an initiative that is substantially similar to an initiative that has appeared on the ballot in the previous two years that was not adopted by the electorate.

- Section 9.** Requires that each initiative petition contains a copy of the proposed initiative bill.
- Section 10.** Prohibits paying initiative petition circulators on a per signature basis.
- Section 11.** Prohibits initiative petition circulators from gathering signatures for more than one initiative at a time.
- Section 12.** Provides that the affidavit required to accompany an initiative petition must state in substance that the person circulating the petition did not gather signatures for more than one petition at a time.
- Section 13.** Requires that initiative sponsors (1) hold hearings in at least 30 house districts before a petition is filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.140 and (2) provide reasonable notice of each public hearing. Provides that an initiative petition will not be placed on the ballot if the sponsors fail to hold, or provide proper notice of, the public hearings.
- Section 14.** Requires initiative sponsors to include a sworn affidavit, and proof acceptable to the lieutenant governor, that the initiative sponsors held public hearings in 30 house districts and provided proper notice of the hearings.
- Section 15.** Requires the lieutenant governor to review the affidavit provided under the bill's sec 14, and any accompanying proof submitted, at the time the lieutenant governor reviews the initiative petition.
- Section 16.** Adds initiative sponsors' failure to hold public hearings in 30 house districts or sponsors' failure to provide reasonable notice of hearings, to the bases upon which the lieutenant governor may determine that an initiative petition is improperly filed.
- Section 17.** Requires an election pamphlet to be prepared and mailed to each household for any special election at which a ballot proposition is scheduled to appear on the ballot.
- Section 18.** Provides that an election pamphlet for a special election at which a ballot measure is scheduled to appear on the ballot shall contain (1) the full text of the proposition, (2) the ballot title and summary of the proposition, (3) a statement of the costs to the state of implementing the law proposed in an initiative, (4) a neutral summary of the proposition, (5) statements submitted that advocate voter approval or rejection of the proposition not to exceed 500 words, and (6) any additional information on voting procedures that the lieutenant governor considers necessary.
- Section 19.** Requires that a standing committee of the legislature review initiatives that the lieutenant governor has approved for placement on the ballot.
- Section 20.** Provides that the provisions of the Act apply to an initiative proposed by filing an application with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.020 on or after the effective date of the Act.