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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE ♦ DISTRICT 28

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House Bill 65 Summary of Changes

Original Bill:

- Moved the deadline for the annual Legislative Financial Disclosure (LFD) Public Official Financial Disclosure (POFD) to April 30 instead of March 15.

House State Affairs Committee:

- Moved the deadline for the annual Legislative Financial Disclosure (LFD) Public Official Financial Disclosure (POFD) even further – to May 15 instead of March 15.
- The House (STA) CS also added language to:
 - Clarify that a POFD filer could be exempted from disclosing information if the information is confidential by law or would adversely affect the person's ability to conduct business, and sets up a standard to weigh the potential harm to the person with the public's interest in obtaining the information.
 - Lower the threshold for the exemption from electronic filing for both campaign finance reports and POFDs to municipalities with a population of less than 5,000. Currently, officers and candidates for office for a municipality with a population of less than 15,000 can choose to file paper reports.
 - Amend the current statute outlining whether municipal officers need to file a POFD. Current law requires all municipal officers to file annual POFDs but allows a municipality to "opt-out" with a public vote. HB 67 would exempt officers for a municipality with a population of less than 1,000 from POFDs, consistent with the current exemption from campaign reporting. It also specifies that municipalities can change whether they want to require POFDs from their municipal officers by public vote.

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