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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary of SB 36
(Work Order No. 29-LS0468\A)

TO: Senator Cathy Giessel
Attn: Jane Conway

FROM: Emily Nauman 
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill -- the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1. Grants municipalities the authority to pass an ordinance that will allow electronic notice to taxpayers on the municipality's public Internet website instead of newspaper publication of the amount of state aid a municipality receives and the millage equivalent.

Section 2. Allows a municipality to meet notice requirements by posting its foreclosure list for delinquent taxes on the municipality's public Internet website.

Section 3. Allows a municipality to electronically post notice that the redemption period following foreclosure will expire in 30 days on its public Internet website.

Section 4. Requires the lieutenant governor to include certain reports of state agencies on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

Section 5. Creates a new article requiring electronic production and distribution of agency reports if the agency has the technological capability to do so. Requires that reports must be posted for one year or until superseded. Creates exceptions where printing is required by other law, agreement or when a printed copy is requested. Allows electronic distribution to fulfill any agency obligation to publish, prepare, present, or submit a report. Clarifies that print copies of reports may be requested from a library distribution and data access center. Bars a state agency from hiring a contractor to provide photographs or graphics for a report, unless no agency employee to perform the work is available, or the agency would use fewer state resources by hiring a contractor. Defines "report" and "state agency."

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