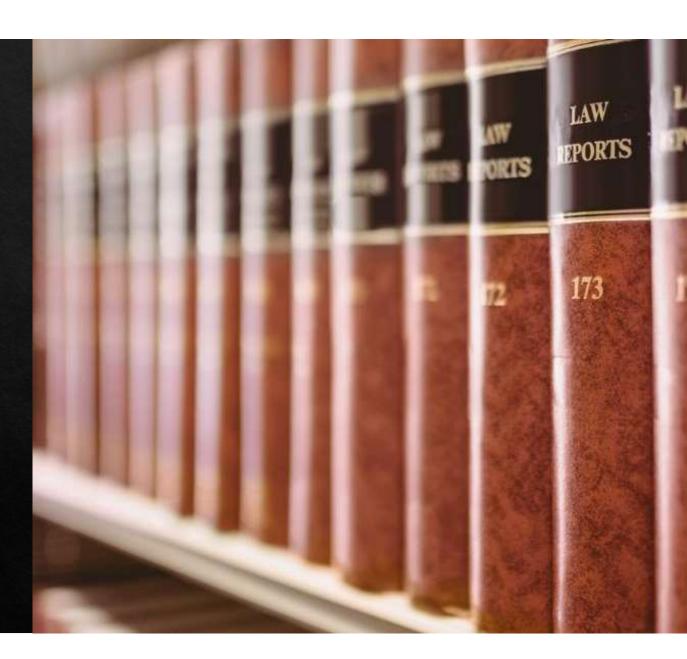
SB 129

An Act Relating to
Information on
Judicial Officers
Provided in Election
Pamphlets



Introduction of CS for SB 129 (JUD)

- ♦ CS provides a broader depth of information regarding judicial officers then the original version of the bill.
- ♦ CS establishes three distinct sections of information for judicial officers in the election pamphlet
 - ♦ The first section will be required for all justices and judges standing for retention
 - ♦ The second will be for judicial officers that are standing for retention for the first time.
 - ♦ The third will be information that the Alaska Judicial Council may publish regarding a judicial officer including additional information that the judicial officer would like to publish.



Judicial Officer that is Subject to a Retention Election

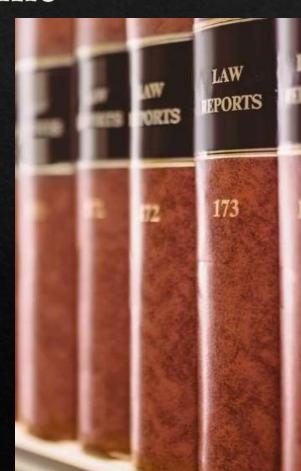
The Judicial Council shall provide the following information.

- i. Statement written by the justice or judge that describe the professional philosophy.
- ii. Description of the judicial, legal, or other education of the justice or judge.
- iii. Description of professional business experience and positions in the presiding 10 years.
- iv. List of service organizations with which the justice or judge is affiliated.
- v. Rating of justice or judge by law enforcement officers, attorneys, court employees, and jurors.
- vi. Number of decisions by the justice or judge that were appealed and the rate at which the decisions of the justice or judge were affirmed.
- vii. Description of any public disciplinary proceedings against the justice or judge.
- viii. Self-assessment by the justice or judge that evaluates the justice's or judge's judicial performance.

Judicial Officer that is Standing for Retention for the first time

Judicial Council shall provide the following:

- i. Previous political and governmental positions held, including any political office held.
- ii. Justices or judge primary practice areas before appointment, including the approximate percentage of pre-appointment career spent as a trail lawyer.
- iii. Types of clients the justice or judge represented before appointment.



Information that the Alaska Judicial Council May Publish in the Election Pamphlet

Judicial Council may provide the following:

- i. One photo of the justice or judge.
- ii. Information regarding the residency of the justice or judge.
- iii. Information regarding the military service of the justice or judge.
- iv. Information regarding the professional activities of the justice or judge., including public outreach and administrative activities.
- v. Any additional information that the justice or judge would like published to support the justice's or judge candidacy.



Expansion of Word Limits

- ♦ The CS establishes a word limit of 1,200 for information that shall be provided by the Alaska Judicial Council.
 - ♦The statement describing professional philosophy by the justice or judge is not to exceed 150 words.
 - ♦The self-assessment by the justice or judge to not to exceed 250 words.
- ♦ A word limit of 300 has been added for information that may be provided by the Alaska Judicial Council.



