



# **LAWS OF ALASKA**

**2004**

**Source**  
HB 31

**Chapter No.**  
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## **AN ACT**

Relating to initiative and referendum petitions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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1 Relating to initiative and referendum petitions; and providing for an effective date.

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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.45.140 is amended to read:

4           **Sec. 15.45.140. Filing of petition.** (a) The sponsors must file the initiative  
5 petition within one year from the time the sponsors received notice from the lieutenant  
6 governor that the petitions were ready for delivery to them. The [, AND THE]  
7 petition may be filed with the lieutenant governor only if it meets all of the  
8 following requirements: it is [MUST BE] signed by qualified voters

9                           (1) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding  
10 general election;

11                           (2) [AND] resident in at least three-fourths [TWO-THIRDS] of the  
12 house districts of the state; and

13                           (3) who, in each of the house districts described in (2) of this

1        subsection, are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who voted in  
2        the preceding general election in the house district.

3        (b) If the petition is not filed within the one-year period provided for in (a) of  
4        this section, the petition has no force or effect.

5        \* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.45.370 is amended to read:

6                **Sec. 15.45.370. Filing of petition.** The sponsors may file the petition

7                (1) only within 90 days after the adjournment of the legislative session  
8        at which the act was passed; and

9                (2) only if it is signed by qualified voters

10                (A) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the  
11        preceding general election;

12                (B) [AND] resident in at least three-fourths [TWO-THIRDS]  
13        of the house districts of the state; and

14                (C) who, in each of the house districts described in (B) of  
15        this paragraph, are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who  
16        voted in the preceding general election in the house district.

17        \* **Sec. 3.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
18        read:

19                **CONDITIONAL EFFECT OF ACT.** This Act takes effect only if a constitutional  
20        amendment requiring signatures from seven percent of the qualified voters who voted in the  
21        district in the preceding general election in each of three-fourths of the house districts of the  
22        state is passed by the legislature and approved by the voters at the 2004 general election.

23        \* **Sec. 4.** If this Act takes effect under sec. 3 of this Act, it takes effect on the effective date  
24        of the amendment described in sec. 3 of this Act.