

LAWS OF ALASKA 2005

HCS SB 14(STA)

Chapter No.

AN ACT

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

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3	* Section 1. AS 29.26.170(a) is amended to read:
4	(a) Unless substantially the same measure is adopted, when a petition seeks an
5	initiative vote, the clerk shall submit the matter to the voters at the next regular
6	election or, if already scheduled, special election occurring not [NO] sooner than 60
7	[45] days after certification of the petition. If no [REGULAR] election is scheduled
8	to occur [OCCURS] within 75 days after the certification of a petition and the
9	governing body determines it is in the best interest of the municipality, the
10	governing body may by ordinance order [SHALL HOLD] a special election to be
11	held on the matter before the next election that is already scheduled [WITHIN 75
12	DAYS], but not sooner than 60 [45] days after certification of the petition.
13	* Sec. 2. AS 29.26.170(b) is amended to read:
14	(b) If the governing body adopts substantially the same measure, the petition
15	is void, and the matter initiated may not be placed before the voters.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 29.26.180(a) is amended to read:

(a) Unless the ordinance or resolution is repealed, when a petition seeks a referendum vote, the clerk shall submit the matter to the voters at the next <u>regular</u> election <u>or</u>, <u>if already scheduled</u>, <u>special election</u> occurring <u>not</u> [NO] sooner than <u>60</u> [45] days after certification of the petition. If no election <u>is scheduled to occur</u> [OCCURS] within 75 days <u>after</u> [OF] certification of a petition <u>and the governing body determines it is in the best interest of the municipality</u>, the governing body <u>may by ordinance order</u> [SHALL HOLD] a special election <u>to be held on the matter before the next election that is already scheduled</u> [WITHIN 75 DAYS], but not sooner than <u>60</u> [45] days after certification <u>of the petition</u>.