

SENATE BILL NO. 130

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a vote of the people before a broad-based individual income tax or**
2 **statewide sales tax takes effect."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 15.13.065(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) Except for reports required by AS 15.13.040 and 15.13.110 and except for
6 the requirements of AS 15.13.050, 15.13.060, and 15.13.112 - 15.13.114, the
7 provisions of AS 15.13.010 - 15.13.116 do not apply to limit the authority of a person
8 to make contributions to influence the outcome of a ballot proposition. In this
9 subsection, in addition to its meaning in AS 15.80.010, "proposition" includes

10 (1) an issue placed on a ballot to determine whether

11 (A) a constitutional convention shall be called;

12 (B) a debt shall be contracted;

13 (C) an advisory question shall be approved or rejected; or

14 (D) a municipality shall be incorporated;

(E) a tax shall be levied under AS 43.98.020;

(2) an initiative proposal application filed with the lieutenant governor
45.020.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.15.030 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(14) When the legislature by law authorizes the levy of a tax described in AS 43.95.020, the director shall place the question of whether the levy shall be ratified by placing the ballot title and question on the election ballot specified in the Act. The question shall, by the use of a few sentences in a succinct manner, give a true and impartial summary of the Act levying the tax. The question of whether the tax shall be levied shall be assigned a letter of the alphabet on the ballot. Provision shall be made for marking the question "Yes" or "No."

* Sec. 3. AS 15.80.010(33) is amended to read:

(33) "question" means an issue placed on the ballot to determine whether a judge or justice shall be accepted or rejected, whether a constitutional convention shall be called, whether a state debt shall be contracted, whether a tax described in AS 43.98.020 shall be levied, or whether a state official shall be recalled:

* **Sec. 4.** AS 43.98 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Article 1A. Voter Approval of Tax.

Sec. 43.98.020. Limitation on the levy of individual income and sales tax.

The legislature may not pass a bill levying a broad-based individual income tax or statewide general sales tax, or both, unless the

(1) provisions of the bill levying the broad-based individual income tax or statewide general sales tax, or both, are contingent on and do not take effect until after ratification by a majority of votes cast in a statewide election; and

(2) bill levying the broad-based individual income tax or statewide general sales tax, or both, specifies the statewide election ballot on which the question described in (1) of this section must appear.