

**SENATE BILL NO. 130**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATORS MEYER, Wilson, Hughes**

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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;

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

2 (2) an initiative proposal application filed with the lieutenant governor  
3 under AS 15.45.020.

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

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

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

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

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

19 **Article 1A. Voter Approval of Tax.**

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

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

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

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