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## MEMORANDUM

February 8, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Sectional summary (CSHB 74( )); Work Order No. 27-LS0008/R)

**TO:** Representative Max Gruenberg  
Attn: Ted Madsen

**FROM:** Alpheus Bullard *LAB*  
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

**Section 1.** Provides that the lieutenant governor must prepare, publish, and mail an election pamphlet to every registered voter before each state primary, general, or special election (at present the lieutenant governor is required to prepare, publish, and mail at least one election pamphlet to each household identified from the Division of Election's voter registration list before a general election or before a special election at which a ballot proposition is scheduled to appear on the ballot).

**Section 2.** Requires that the general election pamphlet include a notice, prepared by the state bonding committee, that contains information relating to the bonded indebtedness of the state and each bond issue that will be offered for ratification on the ballot.

**Section 3.** Requires certain information to be included in each primary or special election pamphlet.

**Section 4.** Permits a candidate in a primary election to file a photograph and statement advocating the person's candidacy for inclusion in the primary election pamphlet. A candidate whose photo and statement appeared in the primary election pamphlet may file a different photo and statement for inclusion in the general election pamphlet.

**Section 5.** Adds candidates who filed a photo and statement to appear in a state primary or special election pamphlet and candidates who participated in a primary election and who are filing a different photograph and statement for inclusion in the general election

pamphlet to the list of persons who must pay a fee to the lieutenant governor when filing material under AS 15.58.

**Section 6.** Provides that the lieutenant governor shall mail an election pamphlet to every registered voter not less than 22 days before each primary or general election. The pamphlet for a special election must be mailed as soon as practicable before the election.

**Section 7.** Requires the Division of Elections to publish all information contained in an election pamphlet on the Division's internet website not later than the date the pamphlet is mailed to registered voters.

**Section 8.** Requires a legislative bill that authorizes the issuance of state general obligation bonds to be accompanied by a statement containing certain information relating to the state's bonded indebtedness and the proposed bonding before the bill can be referred to the rules committee of either body of the state legislature.

**Section 9.** Clarifies that the annual income statement and balance sheet of the Alaska Permanent Fund prepared by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation will appear in the general election pamphlet.

**Section 10.** Requires the state bond committee to prepare a notice relating to the state's bonded indebtedness and the proposed bonding before any election at which a bond is offered for ratification. In addition to publishing the notice in newspapers of general circulation, the bill requires the notice to be included on the state Internet website as soon as it is prepared by the state bond committee.

**Section 11.** Repeals AS 15.13.040(b). This section required the director of the Division of Elections to prepare, issue, and make available with each sample ballot (1) for a special election certain information about bond issues and (2) when a ballot proposition is submitted to the voters at a special or primary election, certain information relating to that proposition. Under secs. 2 and 3 of the bill, this information is provided in the election pamphlet for both primary or special elections.

**Section 12.** Provides an effective date of January 1, 2012.