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MEMORANDUM

January 23, 2012

SUBJECT: HB 291, relating to the posting of notices at U.S. Post Offices
(Work Order No. 27-LS1074\A)

TO: Representative Carl Gatto
Chair of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Pamela Finley 
Revisor of Statutes

HB 291 has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. I would appreciate your scheduling the bill for a hearing at your earliest convenience.

The bill amends four statutes to delete a requirement that certain public notices be posted at a post office. The reason for this is that, since at least August 2007, the U.S. Postal Service has prohibited the posting of nongovernmental notices on postal service property. See enclosed postal service bulletin. The statutes amended are AS 03.35.030 (petitions concerning controlled livestock districts), AS 34.35.175(d) (personal property lien sales), AS 34.45.050(b) (consignee and bailee lien sales), and AS 43.20.270(d) (tax lien sales). It is offered as a special revisor's bill---rather than part of the regular revisor's bill---because there are different ways to fix the problem, which involve different policy choices. The bill as drafted simply deletes the requirement that a notice be posted at the post office. In this respect, it follows section 1, ch. 62, SLA 2010, which deleted the requirement from AS 09.35.140 (concerning sales on execution).

If you have any questions, please contact me (465-6656).

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Enclosure