



Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell
STATE OF ALASKA

January 17, 2012

The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801

Gary + Mike -
Dear President Stevens and Speaker Chenault:

In light of the Alaska Coastal Management Program Initiative (11ACMP) recently filed with the Division of Elections, I am writing the presiding officers of each body of the legislature regarding the legislative hearing requirement of AS 24.05.186.

On January 17, 2012, the sponsors of this initiative timely filed their petition with the Division of Elections (Division) under AS 15.45.140. The Division has determined that the petition, on its face, contains a sufficient number of presumptively valid signatures – over 25,875— to be accepted for filing. The Division is now in the process of verifying those signatures as required under AS 15.45.150 - 15.45.160. The Division has 60 days to complete the signature verification process and to notify the initiative committee of the results of that process.

Under AS 24.05.186, a standing committee of the legislature, selected jointly by the presiding officers of the House and Senate, must hold at least one hearing on an initiative that my office has determined was properly filed. The legislative hearing must occur within 30 days after the convening of the legislative session at which the proposition would appear on the ballot. In this case, if the review finds that the statutory signature requirement is met, the proposition may appear on the August 2012 primary election ballot.

Based on the 60-day signature verification requirement of AS 15.45.150 and the 30-day legislative hearing requirement of AS 24.05.186(b), the required legislative hearing will need presumably to occur before the time for signature verification has elapsed.

Please let me know of any questions or issues regarding this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mead Treadwell".

Mead Treadwell
Lieutenant Governor

Cc: The Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor
Mike Nizich, Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Sean Parnell
Cindy Sims, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Sean Parnell
The Honorable Susan Bell, Commissioner, Department of Commerce Community and
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The Honorable Cora Campbell, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
The Honorable Larry Hartig, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation
The Honorable Dan Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources
The Honorable Rick Svobodny, Acting Attorney General, State of Alaska
Heather Brakes, Legislative Director, Office of Governor Sean Parnell