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MEMORANDUM

February 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of HB 274 (Work Order No. 28-LS1236\A)

TO: Representative Charisse Millett
Attn: Jeff Turner

FROM: Alpheus Bullard 
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. Requires the lieutenant governor, if a referendum is scheduled to appear on the ballot, to hold at least two public hearings concerning the referendum in each judicial district of the state at least 30 days before the election. Establishes notice requirements and guidelines for the conduct of the hearings.

Section 2. Requires a standing committee of the legislature to hold at least one hearing on each referendum that is scheduled to appear on the statewide ballot.

Section 3. Specifies what must be included in a hearing held under AS 24.05.186 on an initiative or a referendum.

Section 4. Applies the new requirements in section 1 of the bill to initiatives and referenda appearing on the ballot after the effective date of the Act. Applies sections 2 and 3 to initiatives and referenda on a ballot after the August 2014 primary.

Section 5. Makes the bill's provisions effective immediately.

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