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## **REPRESENTATIVE WES KELLER DISTRICT 7**

### **MEMO**

To: Members of the Alaska Legislature

Date: April 9, 2013

Re: Sectional for House Bill 200 (28-LS-0736\A)

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**Section 1:** Adds language to prevent recommendations on judges or justices to current restrictions on attempting to influence an election. It further includes those restrictions to The Alaska Judicial Council.

**Section 2:** Deletes the language that permitted recommendations in the election pamphlet..

**Section 3:** Specifies that the Judicial Council may not make recommendations on judicial officers and that all statements submitted to the public must be impartial and objective.

**Section 4:** Specifies that the Judicial Council may not make recommendations on Justices of the Supreme Court and that all statements submitted to the public must be impartial and objective.

**Section 5:** Specifies that the Judicial Council may not make recommendations on Judges of the Court of Appeals and that all statements submitted to the public must be impartial and objective.

**Section 6:** Specifies that the Judicial Council may not make recommendations on Superior Court Judges and that all statements submitted to the public must be impartial and objective.

**Section 7:** Specifies that the Judicial Council may not make recommendations on District Court Judges and that all statements submitted to the public must be impartial and objective.

Please 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.