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SB 129 – Sectional Analysis

Section 1: Amends AS 15.58.050, Information and recommendations on judicial officers to require the following background information on justice or judge, except when required by law to be kept confidential, in fewer than 1,200 words.

The election pamphlet for judicial officers must contain the following in fewer than 1,200 words.

A. For a justice or judge that is subject to a retention election

- i. A statement written by the justice or judge, not to exceed 150 words, that describes the professional philosophy of the justice or judge.
- ii. A description of the judicial, legal, or other education of the justice or judge.
- iii. A description of professional business experience and positions in the preceding 10 years.
- iv. List of service organizations with which the justice or judge is affiliated.
- v. Rating of justice or judge by law enforcement officers, attorneys, court employees, and jurors.
- vi. Number of decisions by the justice or judge that were appealed and the rate at which the decisions of the justice or judge were affirmed.
- vii. Description of any public disciplinary proceedings against the justice or judge.
- viii. Self-assessment by the justice or judge, not to exceed 250 words, evaluating the justice's or judge's judicial performance; a self-assessment may include comments on the justice or judge satisfaction with the justices of judges judicial role, specific contribution to the judiciary or the field of law, growth in legal knowledge and judicial skills, or other measures of judicial abilities that the justice or judge believes to be important.

B. For a justice or judge that is standing for retention for the first time, a description of

- i. Previous political and governmental positions held, including any political office held.
- ii. Justices or judge primary practice areas before appointment, including the approximate percentage of pre-appointment career spent as a trial lawyer.
- iii. Types of clients the justice or judge represented before appointment.

The election pamphlet for judicial officers may contain the following additional information that is not to exceed 300 words.

- A. One picture of the justice or judge
- B. Information regarding the residency of the justice or judge
- C. Information regarding the military service of the justice or judge.
- D. Information regarding the professional activities of the justice or judge, including public outreach and administrative activities.
- E. Any additional information that the justice or judge would like to publish to support the justice's or judge candidacy.

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