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### CS SB 129 – Sectional Analysis

#### “An Act relating to information on judicial officers seeking retention in office.”

**Section 1:** Amends AS 15.58.030(g) Material to be filed by a candidate for the election pamphlet.

- Establishes a 300-word limit for material that may be filed for the state election pamphlet.
- Clarifies additional information that may be filed for the state election pamphlet for a person seeking retention in office as a justice or judge.
  - Residency of the justice or judge.
  - Military service of the justice or judge.
  - Professional activities of justice or judge, including public outreach and administrative activities.
  - Any additional information that the justice or judge would like to publish to support the justice or judge’s candidacy.

**Section 2:** Amends AS 15.58.050. Information and recommendations on judicial officers.

- Establishes 1,200-word limit for material filed for the state election pamphlet by the judicial council.
- Distinguishes information requirements for justices or judges that are subject to retention election for the first time and individuals seeking continued retention.
  1. Judge that is subject to a retention election
    - A. Statement describing the professional philosophy not exceeding 150 words.
    - B. A description of the judicial, legal, or other education.
    - C. A description of professional business experience and positions in the presiding 10 years.
    - D. List of service organizations with which the justice or judge is affiliated.
    - E. Rating of justice or judge by law enforcement officers, attorneys, court employees, jurors.
    - F. Number of decisions that were appealed and the rate at which the decisions of the justice or judge were affirmed.
    - G. Description of any public disciplinary proceedings against the justice or judge.
    - H. Self-assessment evaluating the individual’s judicial performance, not to exceed 250 words.
  2. Justice that is subject to a retention election
    - A. Information required includes material described for a judge that is subject to a retention election (A-E and G-H) except the number of decisions that were appealed and the rate at which the decisions that were affirmed.
  3. Justice or judge that is standing for retention for the first time.
    - A. Previous political and governmental positions held, including any political office held.
    - B. Primary practice areas before appointment, including the approximate percentage of pre-appointment career spent as a trial lawyer.
    - C. Types of clients the justice or judge represented before appointment.

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