

# ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



### **Explanation of Differences between HB 287 Version A and SB 68 Version D.A**

The differences between HB 287 Version A and SB 68 Version D.A are found in Sections 5, 8, and 10, dealing specifically with directions for notice on the Alaska Online Public Notice System (AS 44.62.175) and the amount of discretion afforded the department for posting notices.

**Section 5:** Section five of both bills gives new instruction to the department on notice of new, amended or repealed regulations. In SB 68, the department is directed to post on the Alaska Online Public Notices System (shall), **and** then to post the notice in other areas at their discretion. HB 287 gives more discretion by making posting on the Alaska Online Public Notices System optional to posting via other means.

**Section 8:** Section 8 of both bills deals with the posting of an amended document incorporated in a regulation by reference. SB 68 directs the department to post on the Alaska Online Public Notices System (shall), **and** then to post the notice in other areas at their discretion. HB 287 gives more discretion by making posting on the Alaska Online Public Notices System optional to posting via other means.

**Section 10:** Section 10 of both bills gives new instruction on water disposal permit procedures. SB 68 directs the department to post on the Alaska Online Public Notices System (shall) **and may** also post to at least two publications of newspapers of general circulation within the area and **may** also then to post the notice in other areas at their discretion. HB 287 gives more discretion by making posting on the Alaska Online Public Notices System optional to posting via other means. HB 287 gives full discretion to the department and does not require any specific mechanism for posting notices.