



LAWS OF ALASKA

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AN ACT

Relating to the rights of initiative, referendum and recall reserved to the people of the organized borough.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 29.65.020(a) is amended to read:

(a) Every petition for either the initiative or referendum in the government of a political subdivision shall be signed by a number of qualified voters residing within the territorial limits of the political subdivision, or, if the act sought to be initiated or referred pertains exclusively to the area outside cities or to a service area, by a number of qualified voters residing within the area outside cities or within the service area, as the case may be, equal to the following per cent of the total number of votes cast at the next preceding general election in the city or borough or borough area concerned, or special election called for the purpose of electing city or borough officers:

(1) 25 per cent, when a city or borough has less than 7,500 persons; or

(2) 15 per cent, when a city or borough has 7,500 persons or more.

* Sec. 2. AS 29.65.090 is amended to read:

Sec. 29.65.090. CONTENTS OF PETITION. A petition demanding the election of a successor to the person sought to be recalled shall be filed with the municipal clerk. The petition shall be signed by qualified voters equal in number to at least 25 per cent of the entire vote cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, except that in the case of a borough official elected from

only the area outside cities or an election section, the petition shall be signed by qualified voters equal to at least 25 per cent of the entire vote cast at the last regular borough election in the area outside cities or election section, as the case may be. The petition shall contain a statement of the grounds on which the recall is sought which is intended solely for the information of the voters.

* Sec. 3. AS 07.30.080 is amended to read:

Sec. 07.30.080. INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL.

(a) The powers of initiative and referendum reserved by the state constitution to the people of the state are also reserved to the people of the organized borough as provided by AS 29.65.010 - 29.65.060. The vote in an initiative or referendum election shall be limited to qualified voters residing in the same area as that from which the petition for the initiative or referendum may bear signatures.

(b) Any elected public official of the organized borough may be recalled as provided by AS 29.65.070 - 29.65.340. The vote in a recall election shall be limited to qualified voters residing in the same area as that from which the recall petition may bear signatures.