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AN ACT

Relating to the preparation of election propositions and materials; and providing for an effective date.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 10

Approved by the Governor: June 4, 1988
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* Section 1. AS 15.45.180 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The proposition prepared under (a) of this section shall comply with AS 15.60.005 and shall be worded so that a "Yes" vote on the proposition is a vote to enact the proposed law.

* Sec. 2. AS 15.45.470 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The proposition prepared under (a) of this section shall comply with AS 15.60.005 and shall be worded so that a "Yes" vote on the proposition is a vote to reject the act referred.

* Sec. 3. AS 15.50.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The proposition prepared under (a) of this section shall comply with AS 15.60.005 and shall be worded so that a "Yes" vote on the proposition is a vote to adopt the proposed constitutional amendment.

* Sec. 4. AS 15.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 15.60.005. READABILITY OF CERTAIN ELECTION MATERIALS. (a) The policy of the state is to prepare a ballot proposition that is clear, concise, and easily readable. The form of each ballot proposition shall be scored under (c) of this section. The policy of the state is to prepare a ballot proposition that is scored at

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1 approximately 60.

2 (b) Each neutral summary prepared for the voter's pamphlet shall
3 be scored under (c) of this section. The policy of the state is to
4 prepare a neutral summary that is scored at approximately 60.

5 (c) A ballot proposition or neutral summary shall be scored
6 using the following procedures:

7 (1) disregard numbers;

8 (2) multiply the average sentence length in words by 1.015;

9 (3) multiply the average number of syllables for each 100
10 words by .846;

11 (4) subtract the total of (2) and (3) from 206.835.

12 (d) A court may not enjoin the conduct or results of an election
13 for a failure to comply with (a) or (b) of this section.

14 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
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