

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 45(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/28/99

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to initiative and referendum petitions; and providing for an  
2 effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.45.140 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 15.45.140. Filing of petition.** (a) The sponsors must file the initiative  
6 petition within one year from the time the sponsors received notice from the lieutenant  
7 governor that the petitions were ready for delivery to them. The [, AND THE]  
8 petition **may be filed with the lieutenant governor only if it meets all of the**  
9 **following requirements: it is** [MUST BE] signed by qualified voters

10 (1) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding  
11 general election;

12 (2) [AND] resident in at least **three-fourths** [TWO-THIRDS] of the  
13 **house** [ELECTION] districts of the state; **and**

14 (3) **who, in each of the house districts described in (2) of this**

1 subsection, are equal in number to at least three percent of those who voted in the  
 2 preceding general election in the house district.

3 (b) If the petition is not filed within the one year period provided for in (a)  
 4 of this section, the petition has no force or effect.

5 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.45.370 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 15.45.370. Filing of petition.** The sponsors may file the petition

7 (1) only within 90 days after the adjournment of the legislative session  
 8 at which the act was passed; and

9 (2) only if it meets all of the following requirements: it is signed by  
 10 qualified voters

11 (A) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the  
 12 preceding general election;

13 (B) [AND] resident in at least three-fourths [TWO-THIRDS]  
 14 of the election districts of the state; and

15 (C) who, in each of the house districts described in (B) of  
 16 this paragraph, are equal in number to at least three percent of those who  
 17 voted in the preceding general election in the house district.

18 \* Sec. 3. CONDITIONAL EFFECT OF ACT. This Act takes effect only if a constitutional  
 19 amendment requiring signatures from three percent of the qualified voters who voted in the  
 20 district in the preceding general election in each of three-fourths of the house districts of the  
 21 state is passed by the legislature and approved by the voters at the 2000 general election.

22 \* Sec. 4. If this Act takes effect under sec. 3 of this Act, it takes effect on the effective  
 23 date of the amendment described in sec. 3 of this Act.