

**HOUSE BILL NO. 45**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

Introduced: 1/19/99

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

**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 15 [10] percent of those who voted in the  
11 preceding 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 15 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 15 [10] percent of those who voted in  
 12 the 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 15 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 increasing the required percentage for initiative and referendum petitions to 15  
 20 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election and requiring signatures from 15  
 21 percent of the qualified voters who voted in the district in the preceding general election in  
 22 each of three-fourths of the house districts of the state is passed by the legislature and  
 23 approved by the voters at the 2000 general election.

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