

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 231(FIN) am S(fld S)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 5/19/99

Offered: 5/18/99

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act authorizing an advisory vote on a long term financial plan for the
2 state; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** ADVISORY VOTE. At a special election to be held on September 14, 1999,
5 in substantial compliance with the election laws of the state, including absentee voting, the
6 lieutenant governor shall place before the qualified voters of the state a question advisory to
7 the legislature and the governor. The question shall appear on the ballot in the following
8 form:

9 **ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION**

10 Balanced Budget Plan: This will preserve the permanent fund dividend,
11 inflation-proof the permanent fund, support public services, and establish a
12 citizen Revenue Task Force. The plan will

13 (1) Protect the Permanent Fund: The principal of the Alaska permanent
14 fund will remain untouched and inflation-proofed to protect the value

- 1 of the fund for current and future generations.
- 2 (2) Preserve the Dividend: Dividend payments to qualified Alaskans are
- 3 continued, and the dividend will grow over time. Dividends will be
- 4 paid based on the market value of the Alaska permanent fund.
- 5 (3) Reduce Spending: Reduce state general fund spending for fiscal years
- 6 2000 and 2001.
- 7 (4) Public Accountability: All permanent fund expenditures will be
- 8 disclosed to each Alaskan who receives a permanent fund dividend
- 9 check.
- 10 (5) Explore Revenue Options: Establish a citizen's Revenue Task Force to
- 11 present options to identify revenue sources.
- 12 (6) No Income Tax: No personal income tax will be enacted as part of this
- 13 plan.

14 Question: Should a portion of permanent fund
 15 earnings be used to help balance the state budget
 16 after first paying annual dividends to residents
 17 and inflation-proofing the permanent fund?

18 Yes [] No []

19 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070.