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**HOUSE BILL NO. 31**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to initiative and referendum petitions; and providing for an effective  
2 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 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 seven percent of those who voted in**  
 2        **the preceding general election in the house district.**

3            **(b)** If the petition is not filed within the one-year period provided for in **(a)** of  
 4        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 is** signed by qualified voters

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

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

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

17        \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 18        read:

19           **CONDITIONAL EFFECT OF ACT.** This Act takes effect only if a constitutional  
 20        amendment requiring signatures from seven percent of the qualified voters who voted in the  
 21        district in the preceding general election in each of three-fourths of the house districts of the  
 22        state is passed by the legislature and approved by the voters at the 2004 general election.

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