

SENATE BILL NO. 227

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR GARY STEVENS

Introduced: 5/15/03

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to municipal initiative and referendum elections."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 29.26.170(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Unless substantially the same measure is adopted, when a petition seeks an
5 initiative vote, the clerk shall submit the matter to the voters at the next regular
6 election occurring no sooner than 60 [45] days after certification of the petition. [IF
7 NO REGULAR ELECTION OCCURS WITHIN 75 DAYS AFTER THE
8 CERTIFICATION OF A PETITION, THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL HOLD A
9 SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN 75 DAYS, BUT NOT SOONER THAN 45 DAYS
10 AFTER CERTIFICATION.]

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 29.26.170(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) If the governing body adopts substantially the same measure, the petition
13 is void, and the matter initiated may not be placed before the voters.

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 29.26.180(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) Unless the ordinance or resolution is repealed, when a petition seeks a

1 referendum vote, the clerk shall submit the matter to the voters at the next election
2 occurring no sooner than 60 [45] days after certification of the petition. [IF NO
3 ELECTION OCCURS WITHIN 75 DAYS OF CERTIFICATION OF A PETITION,
4 THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN 75
5 DAYS, BUT NOT SOONER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION.]