

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 227(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/1/04

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR GARY STEVENS

**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 **or, if already scheduled, special election** occurring **not** [NO] sooner than **60**  
7 [45] days after certification of the petition. If no [REGULAR] election **is scheduled**  
8 **to occur** [OCCURS] within 75 days after the certification of a petition **and the**  
9 **governing body determines it is in the best interest of the municipality,** the  
10 governing body **may by ordinance order** [SHALL HOLD] a special election **to be**  
11 **held** within 75 days, but not sooner than 45 days after certification.

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

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

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

1 (a) Unless the ordinance or resolution is repealed, when a petition seeks a  
2 referendum vote, the clerk shall submit the matter to the voters at the next **regular**  
3 election **or, if already scheduled, special election** occurring **not** [NO] sooner than **60**  
4 [45] days after certification of the petition. If no election **is scheduled to occur**  
5 [OCCURS] within 75 days **after** [OF] certification of a petition **and the governing**  
6 **body determines it is in the best interest of the municipality**, the governing body  
7 **may by ordinance order** [SHALL HOLD] a special election **to be held** within 75  
8 days, but not sooner than 45 days after certification.