

SENATE BILL NO. 238

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

BY SENATOR BUNDE

Introduced: 1/12/04

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

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.