

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROFT

TO: SB 62

Page 1, after line 3, insert:

“**Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. (a) The legislature finds that

- (1) Alaska law requires that the Division of Elections and the Lieutenant Governor write a “a true and impartial summary of the proposed law” (AS 15.45.180) for each initiative on the ballot; and
- (2) for an initiative on the 2004 general election ballot, the Lieutenant Governor prepared a summary that was found by the Anchorage Superior court to be biased and inaccurate; and
- (3) at great expense to the state, the Lieutenant Governor’s decision eventually forced the Division of Elections to reprint thousands of ballots with the proper, impartial summary of the proposed law; and
- (4) if the Lieutenant Governor had followed the law set out in AS 15.45.180, the State of Alaska would not have incurred this great cost.

(b) It is the intent of this Legislature

- (1) to appropriate the supplemental funds to cover the costs incurred by the state for only the specific instance described in (a) of this section; and
- (2) to put the Division of Elections and the Lieutenant Governor on notice that the legislature expects true and impartial ballot language; and
- (3) not to appropriate additional funds to the Division of Elections for costs incurred by the State of Alaska due to the failure of the Lieutenant Governor to adhere to election laws in the future.”

Renumber accordingly.