

SENATE BILL NO. 14

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

BY SENATOR GARY STEVENS

REPRESENTATIVE Seaton

Introduced: 1/11/05

Referred: Community and Regional 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 **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 on the matter before the next election that is already scheduled** [WITHIN 75
12 DAYS, BUT NOT SOONER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION].

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

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

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

2 (a) Unless the ordinance or resolution is repealed, when a petition seeks a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