

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL

Introduced: 3/5/07

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

12 *** Sec. 2.** AS 29.26.180(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) Unless the ordinance or resolution is repealed, when a petition seeks a
14 referendum vote, the clerk shall submit the matter to the voters at the next regular
15 election or, if already scheduled, special election occurring not sooner than **45** [60]

1 days after certification of the petition. If no election is scheduled to occur within 75
2 days after certification of a petition and the governing body determines it is in the best
3 interest of the municipality, the governing body may by ordinance order a special
4 election to be held on the matter before the next election that is already scheduled, but
5 not sooner than 45 [60] days after certification of the petition.