

SENATE BILL NO. 80 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR BIRCH

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to proposing and enacting laws by initiative; and prohibiting the state
2 and its agencies and corporations from spending funds to influence the outcome of
3 certain ballot propositions and questions."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 15.13.145(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) Money held by an entity identified in (a)(1) - (3) of this section may be
7 used to influence the outcome of an election concerning a ballot proposition or
8 question, but only if the funds have been specifically appropriated for that purpose by
9 a state law or a municipal ordinance. However, money held by an entity identified
10 in (a)(1) of this section may not be used to influence the outcome of an election
11 concerning whether

12 (1) an Act proposed by initiative shall become law;
13 (2) an Act referred by referendum shall be rejected;
14 (3) a constitutional amendment shall be adopted;

1 **(4) a constitutional convention shall be called; or**

2 **(5) a state official shall be recalled.**

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.45.240 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (b) The provisions of an initiative are not severable after being circulated
5 under AS 15.45.110. An initiative petition may not contain a severability clause. If a
6 court finds a provision of an initiative petition unconstitutional during a review under
7 (a) of this section, the court shall order the lieutenant governor to reject the entire
8 initiative petition and prohibit the placement of the initiative on the ballot.