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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR GILBERT

SENATE BILL NO. 27

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide for reservation of the powers of the initiative and referendum to the people of every municipal corporation with reference to all legislative authority and amendments to charters for its own government; and establishing procedures for exercising said powers."

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

Section 1. Reservation of powers. The powers of the initiative and referendum reserved by the Constitution to the people of the State, are hereby reserved to the people of every municipal corporation now existing or which shall hereafter be created within this State, with reference to all legislative authority which it may exercise, and amendments to charters for its own government.

Section 2. Petition-Signatures-Filing. Every petition for either the initiative or referendum in the government of a municipal corporation shall be signed by a number of qualified electors residing within the territorial limits of such municipal corporation equal to twenty-five per centum of the total number of votes cast at the next preceding election, and every such petition shall be filed with the chief executive officer of such municipal corporation.

Section 3. Presentation of petition to legislative body-Submission to voters. When such petition demands the enactment of an ordinance or other legal act other than (a) the grant,

1 extension or renewal of a franchise or (b) the hiring, retention  
2 or firing of an employee, the chief executive officer shall present  
3 the same to the legislative body of such corporation at its next  
4 meeting, and unless the said petition shall be granted more than  
5 thirty days before the next election at which any city officers  
6 are to be elected, the chief executive shall submit the said  
7 ordinance or act so petitioned for, to the qualified electors at  
8 said election; and if a majority of said electors voting thereon  
9 shall vote for the same, it shall thereupon become in full force  
10 and effect.

11 Section 4. Submission to referendum vote. When such petition  
12 demands a referendum vote upon any ordinance or any other legal  
13 act other than (a) the grant, extension or renewal of a franchise  
14 or (b) the hiring, retention or firing of an employee, the chief  
15 executive officer shall submit said ordinance or act to the quali-  
16 fied electors of said corporation at the next succeeding general  
17 municipal election, and if, at said election, a majority of the  
18 electors voting thereon shall not vote for the same, it shall  
19 thereupon stand repealed.

20 Section 5. Submission of amendment to charter. When such  
21 petition demands an amendment to a charter, the chief executive  
22 officer, shall submit such amendment to the qualified electors  
23 of said municipal corporation at the next election of any officers  
24 of said corporation; and if, at said election, a majority of said  
25 electors voting thereon shall vote for such amendment, the same  
26 shall thereupon become an amendment to and a part of said charter,  
27 when approved and filed in the same manner, and form as an original  
28 charter is required to be approved and filed.

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