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BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 384 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to evaluations of judges before
7 retention elections."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 22.05.100 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 22.05.100. APPROVAL OR REJECTION. Each supreme court
11 justice is subject to approval or rejection as provided in the Alaska
12 Election Code (AS 15.05 - 15.60). The judicial council shall conduct an
13 evaluation of each justice before his retention election and may provide
14 to the public both information about that justice and a recommendation
15 regarding his retention or rejection, if the information and the recom-
16 mendation are made public at least 30 days before the retention elec-
17 tion. If a majority of those voting on the question rejects his candi-
18 dacy, he shall not be appointed to fill any vacancy in the supreme or
19 superior courts of the state for a period of four years thereafter.

20 * Sec. 2. AS 22.10.150 is amended to read:

21 Sec. 22.10.150. APPROVAL OR REJECTION. Each superior court judge
22 is subject to approval or rejection as provided in the Alaska Election
23 Code (AS 15.05 - 15.60). The judicial council may conduct an evaluation
24 of each judge before his retention election and may provide to the
25 public both information about the judge and a recommendation regarding
26 his retention or rejection, if the information and the recommendation
27 are made public at least 30 days before the election. If a majority of
28 those voting on the question rejects his candidacy, he shall not for a
29 period of four years thereafter be appointed to fill any vacancy in the

1 supreme or superior courts of the state.

2 * Sec. 3. AS 22.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 Sec. 22.15.195. APPROVAL OR REJECTION. Each district court judge
4 is subject to approval or rejection as provided in the Alaska Election
5 Code (AS 15.05 - 15.60). The judicial council may conduct an evaluation
6 of each judge before his retention election and may provide to the
7 public both information about the judge and a recommendation regarding
8 his retention or rejection, if the information and the recommendation
9 are made public at least 30 days before the election. If a majority of
10 those voting on the question rejects his candidacy, he shall not for a
11 period of four years thereafter be appointed to fill any vacancy in the
12 supreme, superior or district courts of the state.