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2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 188 (C&RA)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to amendments to the Alaska Election
7 Code."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 15.05.015. PROCEDURES FOR OVERSEAS VOTERS. In accordance
11 with the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-203, 89
12 Stat. 1144, 42 U.S.C. 1973dd), a person who resides outside the United
13 States and, for that reason, does not satisfy the registration require-
14 ments of this title, shall be allowed to register and vote as provided
15 in this title if he resided in this state immediately before his de-
16 parture from the United States and is otherwise qualified to vote.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 15.05.020(10) is amended to read:

18 (10) The address of a voter as it appears on his official
19 voter registration record [CARD] is presumptive evidence of the person's
20 voting residence. Upon furnishing evidence of change of address satis-
21 factory to the lieutenant governor, in writing or otherwise, the voter
22 shall be issued a new official voter registration card showing his
23 change of voting residence [IF THE PERSON HAS CHANGED HIS VOTING RESI-
24 DENCE, THIS PRESUMPTION IS NEGATED ONLY BY THE VOTER EXECUTING AN
25 AFFIDAVIT ON A FORM PREPARED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SETTING OUT HIS
26 NEW VOTING RESIDENCE].

27 * Sec. 3. AS 15.07.030 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 15.07.030. WHO MAY REGISTER. A person who has the quali-
29 fications of a voter as set out in AS 15.05.010(1) - (4), or who will

1 have the qualifications at the subsequent [SUCCEEDING] primary, special
2 or general election, is entitled to be registered as a voter in the
3 precinct in which he resides.

4 * Sec. 4. AS 15.07.040 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 15.07.040. TIME FOR REGISTRATION. A person who is qualified
6 under AS 15.05.010(1) - (4) is entitled to register at any time through-
7 out the year. A person registered as required by this chapter may vote
8 at any election held 30 days or more after the date he registered [EXCEPT
9 THAT NO REGISTRATION WILL BE MADE FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS PRECEDING THE
10 ELECTION].

11 * Sec. 5. AS 15.07.070(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) A person who is qualified under AS 15.05.010(1) - (4) [QUALI-
13 FIED VOTERS] may register [IN PERSON BEFORE A REGISTRATION OFFICIAL] at
14 any time throughout the year [, EXCEPT THAT NO REGISTRATION MAY BE MADE
15 WITHIN 30 DAYS PRECEDING AN ELECTION]. Upon receipt and approval of
16 the registration forms, the lieutenant governor or the election super-
17 visor shall forward to the voter an acknowledgment in the form of a
18 registration card and his name shall immediately be placed on the master
19 register located in the office of the lieutenant governor and on the
20 district register located in the office of the election supervisor.

21 * Sec. 6. AS 15.07.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (b) The lieutenant governor shall appoint additional registration
23 officials upon the request of a major political party. The number of
24 appointments made under this subsection shall be

25 (1) three for a precinct containing 250 - 500 registered
26 voters;

27 (2) four for a precinct containing 500 - 1,000 registered
28 voters; or

29 (3) five for a precinct containing 1,000 or more registered

1 voters.

2 * Sec. 7. AS 15.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 Sec. 15.07.115. TEMPORARY REGISTRATION OFFICIALS. The lieutenant
4 governor shall, upon request of a major political party or receipt of a
5 petition signed by five per cent of the registered voters in a precinct,
6 appoint temporary registration officials to serve beginning 150 days
7 before the date set for the general election and ending on the day after
8 the general election. Temporary registration officials shall be com-
9 pensated at the same rate as registration officials under sec. 110 of
10 this chapter.

11 * Sec. 8. AS 15.07.130(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) When a registered voter has not voted in either a primary,
13 special or general election at least once in two [FOUR] consecutive
14 calendar years, the voter shall be advised by mail sent to his last
15 known address that his registration will be cancelled unless he indi-
16 cates within 90 days on forms furnished by the lieutenant governor his
17 desire to remain registered.

18 * Sec. 9. AS 15.07.140 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 15.07.140. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION BY LIEUTENANT
20 GOVERNOR. The lieutenant governor shall provide general administrative
21 supervision over the registration and re-registration of voters and may
22 issue regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62)
23 necessary to protect the interest of the voter and assure administrative
24 efficiency; however, the lieutenant governor may not issue or promulgate
25 administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of
26 this chapter. The lieutenant governor shall, no later than 40 days
27 before any primary, special or general election, arrange to have the
28 list of registered voters of the precinct publicly displayed in the
29 precinct. The lieutenant governor shall instruct registration officials

1 to post the list of registered voters in a number of locations cal-
2 culated to obtain maximum recognition. Upon request by the mayor or
3 [CITY] manager of a municipality, [OR A BOROUGH CHAIRMAN] the lieutenant
4 governor shall furnish registration information for all precincts all or
5 part of which are within the boundaries of the local government unit.

6 * Sec. 10. AS 15.13.060(c) is amended to read:

7 (c) Each candidate for state office shall file the name and
8 address of the campaign treasurer with the commission, or submit, in
9 writing, the name and address of the campaign treasurer to the lieute-
10 nant governor for filing with the commission, no later than 15 [SEVEN]
11 days after the date of filing his declaration of candidacy or his nomi-
12 nating petition. Each candidate for municipal office shall file the
13 name and address of the campaign treasurer with the commission no later
14 than seven days after the date of filing his declaration of candidacy or
15 his nominating petition. The name of the candidate may be placed on the
16 ballot by the lieutenant governor or municipal clerk only if the candi-
17 date has complied with this subsection.

18 * Sec. 11. AS 15.13.100 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 15.13.100. CONTRIBUTIONS, EXPENDITURES BEFORE FILING. Poli-
20 tical [NO POLITICAL] campaign contributions or expenditures, or obliga-
21 tions for those expenditures, may be received or accepted and [EXPENDI-
22 TURE MAY BE] made or incurred by a person in an election or by a person
23 or group with his knowledge and on his behalf before the date upon which
24 he or she files for nomination for the office which the person seeks.
25 However, these contributions or [, EXCEPT FOR PERSONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES
26 OR FOR OPINION SURVEYS OR POLLS. THESE] expenditures [SHALL BE CHARGED
27 AGAINST THE SPENDING LIMITATION THAT APPLIES TO THE OFFICE FOR WHICH HE
28 SUBSEQUENTLY FILES, AND] shall be included in the first report required
29 under this chapter [AFTER FILING FOR OFFICE].

1 * Sec. 12. AS 15.13.110(a)(4) is amended to read:

2 (4) December 31 [OF EACH YEAR] for expenditures made and con-
3 tributions received after the report required in (3) of this section and
4 in a non-election year those expenditures made and contributions received
5 which were not reported that year.

6 * Sec. 13. AS 15.15.260 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 15.15.260. RETURNING BALLOT BY VOTER. When the voter has
8 marked his ballot, he shall fold the ballot and return it to the judge
9 who shall tear off the stub. The ballot shall then be deposited [DEPOSIT
10 IT] in the ballot box in the presence of the voter. Separate ballot
11 boxes may be used for separate ballots.

12 * Sec. 14. AS 15.15.330 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 15.15.330. COMMENCEMENT OF CANVASS. Counting of [PAPER]
14 ballots may begin before the polls are closed in precincts having 300 or
15 more voters and designated by the lieutenant governor; however, counting
16 shall not in any event begin before 2:00 p.m. prevailing time and unless
17 at least 100 votes have been cast. In all other precincts, when the
18 polls are closed and the last vote has been cast, the election board and
19 clerks or counters shall immediately proceed to open the ballot box and
20 to count and canvass the votes cast. In all cases the election board
21 shall cause the canvass to be continued without adjournment until the
22 canvass is complete. Early canvass results may not be released until at
23 least one-half hour after the polls have been closed.

24 * Sec. 15. AS 15.20.140 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

25 Sec. 15.20.140. MARKING ABSENTEE BALLOT. Upon receipt of an ab-
26 sentee ballot, the voter, whether in or outside the state, in the
27 presence of an attesting witness, who is at least 18 years of age, may
28 proceed to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the small
29 blank envelope, to place the small envelope in the larger envelope, and

1 to sign the voter's certificate on the back of the larger envelope in
2 the presence of the witness who shall sign as an attesting witness.

3 * Sec. 16. AS 15.20.150 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

4 Sec. 15.20.150. RETURN OF ABSENTEE BALLOT. (a) Upon marking an
5 absentee ballot as provided in sec. 140 of this chapter, a voter may

6 (1) return the ballot properly enclosed in the envelopes,
7 in person or by personal representative, to the election official who
8 provided the ballot no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election;
9 or

10 (2) return the ballot properly enclosed in the envelopes by
11 the most expeditious mail service available, postmarked not later than
12 the day of the election, to the election supervisor in the voter's
13 district.

14 (b) If the ballot cannot be delivered to the election official
15 who provided the ballot by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election due to
16 events beyond the control of the voter or the personal representative,
17 or cannot be postmarked on or before the day of the election due to
18 the absence of a post office, an affidavit signed and dated by the
19 attesting witness described in sec. 140 of this chapter verifying that
20 the ballot was voted on or before the date of the election is sufficient.
21 An absentee ballot not actually delivered to the election official who
22 provided the ballot or the election supervisor in the voter's district
23 by 4:00 p.m. of the eighth day following the election will not be
24 counted.

25 * Sec. 17. AS 15.20.620(c) is amended to read:

26 (c) As a security precaution, after the computer has been tested
27 as prescribed in (b)(2) and (4) of this section, the computer system
28 or designated partition shall remain idle and the area secured until
29 tabulation of punch-card ballots begins.

1 * Sec. 18. AS 15.20.620(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) During the final tabulation by computer, a manual count of
3 votes cast for different individual candidates chosen at random [RACES]
4 in [SIX] precincts chosen at random shall be made, and the results
5 checked against those of the system.

6 * Sec. 19. AS 15.20.650 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 15.20.650. DELIVERY OF BALLOTS TO COMPUTER COUNTING CENTER.
8 The delivery of ballots from the precinct polling place to the desig-
9 nated computer counting center shall be made by a delivery team con-
10 sisting of two persons appointed by the lieutenant governor [MEMBERS OF
11 THE ELECTION BOARD], one from each of the two major political parties or
12 security guards licensed under AS 18.65.400 - 18.65.490. The delivery
13 team shall accompany the ballots from the precinct polling place to the
14 receiving board at the computer counting center.

15 * Sec. 20. AS 15.25.040(a) and (b) are amended to read:

16 (a) The declaration is filed by either

17 (1) the actual physical delivery of the declaration [IN
18 PERSON] at or before 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, the third Tuesday of
19 May [JUNE 1] of the year in which a general election is held for the
20 office, or

21 (2) the actual physical delivery by telegram of the person's
22 full name, mailing address, party affiliation, office sought and elec-
23 tion district [A COPY IN SUBSTANCE OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE DE-
24 CLARATION] at or before 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, the third Tuesday of
25 May [JUNE 1] of the year in which a general election is held for the
26 office; the telegram must also be accompanied by [AND ALSO] the actual
27 physical delivery of the declaration by registered mail which is post-
28 marked on [AT] or before the third Tuesday of May [5:00 P.M., PREVAILING
29 TIME, JUNE 1] of the year in which a general election is held for the

1 office and received not more than 15 days after that time.

2 (b) If the postmark is illegible, a dated receipt from the post
3 office where dispatched is [SHALL BE] acceptable as evidence of mailing.
4 If the third Tuesday of May [JUNE 1] is a [SUNDAY OR] holiday, the
5 deadlines for postmarking and receipt of the declaration shall be
6 extended 24 hours [IN EACH INSTANCE].

7 * Sec. 21. AS 15.25.056(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) If an incumbent candidate for renomination dies, becomes
9 disqualified from holding the office he is seeking, or is certified as
10 being incapacitated between the third Tuesday of May [JUNE 1] of the
11 election year and that date which is 15 days before the date of the
12 primary election, his place on the ballot may be filled by party peti-
13 tion. The petition shall state that the political party requests the
14 name of the proposed candidate replace that of the incumbent on the
15 primary election ballot and shall be accompanied by a declaration of
16 candidacy from the person named in the petition. The petition must be
17 received by the lieutenant governor no later than 14 days after the
18 death, disqualification or certification of incapacity of the incumbent
19 or 10 days before the primary election date, whichever time is earlier.

20 * Sec. 22. AS 15.25.150 is amended to read:

21 Sec. 15.25.150. DATE OF FILING PETITION. The petition is filed
22 with the lieutenant governor by actual physical delivery [IN PERSON] at
23 or before 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, the third Tuesday of May [JUNE 1]
24 in the year in which a general election is held for the office, or by
25 actual physical delivery by registered [CERTIFIED] mail which is post-
26 marked on [AT] or before the third Tuesday of May [5:00 P.M., PREVAILING
27 TIME, JUNE 1] in the year in which a general election is held for the
28 office, and received not more than 15 days after that time. If the
29 postmark is illegible, a dated receipt from the post office where

1 dispatched shall be acceptable as evidence of mailing. If the third
2 Tuesday of May [JUNE 1] is a [SUNDAY OR] holiday, the deadlines for
3 postmarking and receipt of the petition shall be extended 24 hours in
4 each instance.

5 * Sec. 23. AS 15.45.020 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 15.45.020. FILING APPLICATION. An initiative is proposed by
7 filing an application with the lieutenant governor. A deposit of \$100
8 must accompany the application. This deposit will be retained if a
9 petition is not properly filed. If a petition is properly filed, the
10 deposit shall be refunded. The lieutenant governor shall determine
11 whether a petition is properly filed as provided in sec. 150 of this
12 chapter.

13 * Sec. 24. AS 15.45.030 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 15.45.030. FORM OF APPLICATION. The application shall
15 include (1) the proposed bill to be initiated, (2) a statement that the
16 sponsors are qualified voters who signed the application with the
17 proposed bill attached, (3) the designation of an initiative committee
18 of three sponsors who shall represent all sponsors and subscribers in
19 matters relating to the initiative, and (4) the signatures, printed
20 names and resident and mailing addresses of not less than 100 qualified
21 voters, including the members of the initiative committee.

22 * Sec. 25. AS 15.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

23 Sec. 15.45.045. PREPARATION OF PROPOSED BILL. The Department of
24 Law shall assist the initiative committee in drafting a proposed bill
25 when requested to do so by the committee.

26 * Sec. 26. AS 15.45.060 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 15.45.060. DESIGNATION OF SPONSORS. The qualified voters who
28 subscribe to the application are designated as sponsors. The initiative
29 committee may designate additional sponsors [BY GIVING WRITTEN NOTICE TO

1 THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE SO DESIG-
2 NATED].

3 * Sec. 27. AS 15.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 15.45.085. PREPARATION OF DRAFT BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY. If
5 the application is certified, the lieutenant governor shall prepare a
6 draft ballot title and a draft impartial summary of the subject matter
7 of the proposed bill to be initiated. The draft ballot title shall be
8 posed as a question and limited to 10 words. The draft impartial
9 summary may not exceed 100 words. The lieutenant governor shall provide
10 the chairman of the committee with a copy of the draft ballot title and
11 draft impartial summary. Within 10 days, the committee may file speci-
12 fic written objections with the lieutenant governor. The committee may
13 offer an alternative draft ballot title and draft impartial summary.
14 The lieutenant governor shall consider any objections filed and alter-
15 natives offered by the committee, and shall prepare a proposed ballot
16 title and impartial summary.

17 * Sec. 28. AS 15.45.090 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 15.45.090. PREPARATION OF PETITION. If the application is
19 certified, the lieutenant governor shall prescribe the form of and
20 prepare a petition [PETITIONS] containing (1) a copy of the proposed
21 bill, if the number of words included in both the formal and substantive
22 provisions of the bill is 500 or less, (2) the proposed ballot title
23 and [AN] impartial summary [OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE BILL], (3) the
24 warning prescribed in sec. 100 of this chapter, (4) sufficient space for
25 signatures, printed names and resident and mailing addresses [ADDRESS],
26 and (5) other specifications he prescribes [PRESCRIBED BY THE LIEUTENANT
27 GOVERNOR] to assure proper handling and control. Copies of the petition
28 [PETITIONS], for purposes of circulation, shall be prepared by the
29 lieutenant governor in a number reasonably calculated to allow full

1 circulation throughout the state. The initiative committee [LIEUTENANT
2 GOVERNOR] shall number each copy [PETITION] and shall keep a record of
3 the copy [PETITION] delivered to each sponsor. A copy of this record
4 shall be submitted to the lieutenant governor at the time the petition
5 is filed. Upon request of the committee, the lieutenant governor shall
6 report the number of persons who voted in the preceding general elec-
7 tion.

8 * Sec. 29. AS 15.45.150 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 15.45.150. REVIEW OF PETITION. Within not more than 60 days
10 of the date the petition was filed, the lieutenant governor shall
11 review the petition and shall notify the initiative committee whether
12 the petition was properly or improperly filed. When it is known, the
13 lieutenant governor shall notify the initiative committee [, AND] at
14 which election the proposition shall be placed on the ballot.

15 * Sec. 30. AS 15.45.180 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 15.45.180. PREPARATION OF BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSITION. If
17 the petition is properly filed, the lieutenant governor [, WITH THE
18 ASSISTANCE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,] shall prepare a ballot title and
19 proposition, to consist of the proposed ballot title and impartial
20 summary appearing in the petition. [THE BALLOT TITLE SHALL, IN NOT MORE
21 THAN SIX WORDS, INDICATE THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF THE PROPOSITION. THE
22 PROPOSITION SHALL, IN NOT MORE THAN 100 WORDS, GIVE A TRUE AND IMPARTIAL
23 SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED LAW.]

24 * Sec. 31. AS 15.45.260 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 15.45.260. FILING APPLICATION. A referendum is proposed by
26 filing an application with the lieutenant governor. A deposit of \$100
27 must accompany the application. This deposit will be retained if a
28 petition is not properly filed. If a petition is properly filed, the
29 deposit shall be refunded. The lieutenant governor shall determine

1 whether a petition is properly filed as provided in sec. 380 of this
2 chapter.

3 * Sec. 32. AS 15.45.270 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 15.45.270. FORM OF APPLICATION. The application shall
5 include (1) the act to be referred, (2) a statement that the sponsors
6 are qualified voters who signed the application with the proposed bill
7 attached, (3) the designation of a referendum committee of three spon-
8 sors who shall represent all sponsors and subscribers in matters relat-
9 ing to the referendum, and (4) the signatures, printed names and resi-
10 dent and mailing addresses of not less than 100 qualified voters,
11 including the members of the referendum committee.

12 * Sec. 33. AS 15.45.290 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 15.45.290. DESIGNATION OF SPONSORS. The qualified voters who
14 subscribe to the application are designated as sponsors. The referendum
15 committee may designate additional sponsors [BY GIVING NOTICE TO THE
16 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE SO DESIGNATED].

17 * Sec. 34. AS 15.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 15.45.315. PREPARATION OF DRAFT BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY. If
19 the application is certified, the lieutenant governor shall prepare a
20 draft ballot title and a draft impartial summary of the subject matter
21 of the Act to be referred. The draft ballot title shall be posed as a
22 question and limited to 10 words. The draft impartial summary may not
23 exceed 100 words. The lieutenant governor shall notify the chairman of
24 the committee of the wording of the draft ballot title and the draft
25 impartial summary. Upon the notification, the committee may indicate
26 specific objections to the lieutenant governor. The committee may offer
27 an alternative draft ballot title and draft impartial summary. The
28 lieutenant governor shall consider any objections indicated and alterna-
29 tives offered by the committee, and shall prepare a proposed ballot

1 title and impartial summary.

2 * Sec. 35. AS 15.45.320 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 15.45.320. PREPARATION OF PETITION. If the application is
4 certified, the lieutenant governor shall, within 10 [SEVEN] calendar
5 days after the date of certification, prescribe the form of[,] and
6 prepare[,] a petition containing (1) a copy of the Act to be referred,
7 if the number of words included in both the formal and substantive
8 provisions of the bill is 500 or less, (2) the proposed ballot title and
9 [AN] impartial summary [OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ACT], (3) the
10 warning prescribed in sec. 330 of this chapter, (4) sufficient space for
11 signatures, printed names and resident and mailing addresses, and (5)
12 other specifications he prescribes [PRESCRIBED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVER-
13 NOR] to assure proper handling and control. Copies of the petition
14 [PETITIONS], for purposes of circulation, shall be prepared by the
15 lieutenant governor in a number reasonably calculated to allow full
16 circulation throughout the state. The referendum committee [LIEUTENANT
17 GOVERNOR] shall number each copy [PETITION] and shall keep a record of
18 the copies [PETITIONS] delivered to each sponsor. A copy of this
19 record shall be submitted to the lieutenant governor at the time the
20 petition is filed. Upon request of the referendum committee, the
21 lieutenant governor shall specify the number of persons who voted in the
22 preceding general election.

23 * Sec. 36. AS 15.45.410 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 15.45.410. PREPARATION OF BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSITION. If
25 the petition is properly filed, the [THE] lieutenant governor [, WITH
26 THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,] shall prepare a ballot title
27 and proposition to consist of the proposed ballot title and impartial
28 summary appearing in the petition [IF HE DETERMINES THAT THE PETITION IS
29 PROPERLY FILED. THE BALLOT TITLE SHALL, IN NOT MORE THAN SIX WORDS,

1 INDICATE THE GENERAL SUBJECT AREA OF THE ACT. THE PROPOSITION SHALL, IN
2 NOT MORE THAN 100 WORDS, GIVE A TRUE AND IMPARTIAL SUMMARY OF THE ACT
3 BEING REFERRED].

4 * Sec. 37. AS 15.57 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 Sec. 15.57.011. ELECTION PAMPHLET. Before each state general
6 election, the lieutenant governor shall prepare, publish and mail an
7 election pamphlet to each registered voter of the state. Pamphlets may
8 be prepared on a regional basis as provided in this chapter and deter-
9 mined by the lieutenant governor.

10 Sec. 15.57.021. CONTENTS OF PAMPHLETS. Each election pamphlet
11 shall contain

12 (1) photographs and campaign statements, if submitted, of
13 eligible nominees for elective office for whom a voter of the region may
14 vote and who desire to participate;

15 (2) information and recommendations filed under sec. 70 of
16 this chapter on all judicial officers subject to a retention election in
17 the region;

18 (3) a map of the election district or districts of the
19 region to which the pamphlet has been directed;

20 (4) sample ballots for election districts of the region to
21 which the pamphlet has been directed;

22 (5) an absentee ballot application;

23 (6) for each ballot proposition submitted to the voters by
24 initiative or referendum petition or by the state legislature,

25 (A) the text of the proposition specifying constitu-
26 tional or statutory provisions proposed to be affected, if any;

27 (B) an information statement as provided in sec. 80 of
28 this chapter;

29 (C) an impartial summary of the proposition, to be

1 prepared by the lieutenant governor;

2 (D) if submitted, arguments and rebuttals advocating
3 voter approval or rejection of the proposition as provided in this
4 chapter;

5 (7) for each bond question,

6 (A) a statement of the scope of each project as it
7 appears in the bond authorization Act;

8 (B) a concise narrative section setting out life-cycle
9 cost information, to include, when practicable, the costs of
10 maintenance and operations, occupancy costs, and debt service
11 costs;

12 (8) a maximum of two pages of material submitted by each
13 political party which nominates a candidate or candidates for election;

14 (9) additional information on voting procedures that the
15 lieutenant governor considers necessary.

16 Sec. 15.57.031. MATERIAL TO BE EXCLUDED FROM PAMPHLET. (a) The
17 lieutenant governor shall reject any material offered for inclusion in
18 the pamphlet which, in his opinion, contains any obscene, profane,
19 libelous, or defamatory matter.

20 (b) Within five working days after rejection under (a) of this
21 section, a person submitting the material may appeal to a board of
22 review consisting of the governor, lieutenant governor and the attorney
23 general, or their designees. The decision of the board is final re-
24 garding the acceptance or rejection of the matter in controversy.

25 Sec. 15.57.041. MATERIAL TO BE FILED BY NOMINEE. (a) No later
26 than 60 days before the state general election, each nominee for the
27 offices of United States President or Vice President may file with the
28 lieutenant governor a photograph and a statement advocating his can-
29 didacy.

1 (b) No later than 90 days before the state general election, each
2 nominee for the offices of United States senator, United States repre-
3 sentative, governor, lieutenant governor, justice or judge, state
4 senator and state representative may file with the lieutenant governor
5 a photograph and a statement advocating his candidacy.

6 (c) Each nominee for an office designated under (a) or (b) of this
7 section shall be allowed one page of space in the pamphlet. The space
8 is allotted for the photograph and statement.

9 (d) Pages on which candidates' photographs or statements appear
10 must be clearly identified with the words "paid for by" followed by the
11 name of the candidate and the name of the candidate's campaign treasur-
12 er.

13 Sec. 15.57.051. REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINEE'S STATEMENT. A nominee's
14 statement must be typewritten. It must be limited to a position state-
15 ment of 250 words or less and a biographical statement of 150 words or
16 less.

17 Sec. 15.57.061. REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINEE'S PHOTOGRAPH. (a) A
18 nominee's photograph must be a 4" x 5" black and white glossy print, and
19 taken within the past two years.

20 (b) The photograph must be limited to the head, neck and shoulders
21 of the nominee.

22 Sec. 15.57.070. INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON JUDICIAL
23 OFFICERS. No later than 90 days before the state general election, the
24 judicial council shall file with the lieutenant governor a statement
25 including information about each supreme court justice, superior court
26 judge, and district court judge who will be subject to a retention
27 election. The statement must reflect the evaluation of each such
28 justice or judge conducted by the judicial council according to law.
29 Each statement may not exceed 500 words.

1 Sec. 15.57.080. INFORMATION STATEMENT. The lieutenant governor
2 shall prepare an information statement on the effect of any proposition
3 submitted to the voters for approval. This statement must contain the
4 text of any constitutional provision or statute to be affected by the
5 proposition, and the text of the constitutional provision or statute as
6 it would appear if the proposition is approved by the voters.

7 Sec. 15.57.090. PREPARATION OF ARGUMENT ADVOCATING APPROVAL OF
8 PROPOSITION PROPOSED BY LEGISLATURE. Whenever the state legislature
9 originates a proposition to be submitted to the voters, the presiding
10 officer of the house in which the proposition originated shall appoint a
11 member who supported the proposition to draft an argument advocating
12 approval of the proposition for inclusion in the pamphlet. The argument
13 may not exceed 500 words.

14 Sec. 15.57.100. PREPARATION OF ARGUMENT ADVOCATING APPROVAL OF
15 INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PROPOSITION. Whenever an initiative or refer-
16 endum petition is filed with the lieutenant governor, the sponsoring
17 committee shall draft an argument advocating approval of the proposition
18 for inclusion in the pamphlet. The argument may not exceed 500 words.

19 Sec. 15.57.110. PREPARATION OF ARGUMENT ADVOCATING REJECTION OF
20 PROPOSITION. Any voter, group of voters or organization may draft an
21 argument advocating rejection of any proposition to be submitted to the
22 voters for inclusion in the pamphlet. The argument may not exceed 500
23 words.

24 Sec. 15.57.120. REQUEST FOR ARGUMENTS. (a) The lieutenant
25 governor shall give notice that arguments advocating rejection of any
26 proposition to be submitted to the voters may be drafted for inclusion
27 in the pamphlet.

28 (b) The notice shall be given by publication at least once in one
29 or more newspapers of general circulation in each of the four judicial

1 districts. The printed notice shall contain

2 (1) a summary of each proposition to be submitted to the
3 voters;

4 (2) an invitation to any voter, group of voters, or organi-
5 zation to draft and file with the lieutenant governor an argument
6 favoring rejection of any proposition to be submitted to the voters;

7 (3) a statement that the argument may not exceed 500 words;

8 (4) a deadline for filing arguments with the lieutenant
9 governor.

10 Sec. 15.57.130. SELECTION OF ARGUMENTS. (a) The argument advo-
11 cating approval of a proposition to be submitted to the voters drafted
12 by a legislator, in the case of a proposition originated by the legis-
13 lature, or the sponsoring committee, in the case of an initiative or
14 referendum, shall be included in the pamphlet.

15 (b) If more than one argument advocating rejection of a proposi-
16 tion to be submitted to the voters is filed with the lieutenant
17 governor, he shall select one to be included in the pamphlet. If only
18 one is submitted, he shall include that one.

19 Sec. 15.57.140. NAME OF AUTHOR OF ARGUMENT. The name and address
20 of the voter, voters, or organization drafting an argument must appear
21 on the argument when filed with the lieutenant governor. The name and
22 address of the voter, voters, or organization drafting an argument
23 printed in the pamphlet must be printed in the pamphlet on the same page
24 as the argument. If more than three voters drafted an argument, only
25 the names of the first three are to be printed.

26 Sec. 15.57.150. REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS. (a) When the lieutenant
27 governor has selected the arguments to appear in the pamphlet as pre-
28 scribed in this chapter, he shall send copies of the argument in favor
29 of the proposition to the author of the selected argument against the

1 proposition. He shall also send copies of the selected argument against
2 the proposition to the author of the argument in favor of the proposi-
3 tion. An author may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument that may not
4 exceed 250 words.

5 (b) Rebuttal arguments must be submitted to the office of the
6 lieutenant governor no later than a date set by the lieutenant governor.

7 (c) Rebuttal arguments must be printed in the same manner as the
8 direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument must immediately follow the
9 direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

10 Sec. 15.57.160. CHARGES FOR SPACE IN PAMPHLET. (a) Each general
11 election candidate shall pay to the lieutenant governor, at the time of
12 filing a photograph and statement under this chapter, the cost of one
13 page of space in the election pamphlet according to the following cost
14 schedule:

15 (1) President or Vice President of the United States, United
16 States senator, United States representative, governor, lieutenant
17 governor, supreme court justice, \$150 each;

18 (2) superior court judge, district court judge, \$75 each;

19 (3) state senator, \$75 each;

20 (4) state representative, \$50 each.

21 (b) The chairman or executive committee of each political party
22 nominating candidates for election at the general election shall pay to
23 the lieutenant governor, at the time of filing material under this
24 chapter, \$300 for each of the two pages of authorized space actually
25 used. Each page purchased must be clearly identified with the words
26 "paid for by" followed by the name of the political party, the name of
27 the chairman for that party, and the name of the party treasurer.

28 (c) There is no charge for statements and recommendations sub-
29 mitted by the judicial council or for arguments or rebuttal arguments

1 advocating approval or rejection of any proposition submitted to the
2 voters for approval.

3 Sec. 15.57.170. ORGANIZATION OF MATERIAL. All material in an
4 election pamphlet must be organized in the same order, manner, and form
5 in which it will appear on the ballot, to the extent possible. The
6 decision of the lieutenant governor on the order, manner, and form of
7 material included in an election pamphlet is final.

8 Sec. 15.57.180. DISTRIBUTION. (a) Not less than 30 days before
9 the election, the lieutenant governor shall transmit by mail, to every
10 registered voter in the state, one copy of the pamphlet prepared for the
11 region in which the voter resides. Additional pamphlets may be obtained
12 from the office of the lieutenant governor and area election offices.

13 (b) The state library shall make a recording of the appropriate
14 regional pamphlet available to a blind voter without cost.

15 * Sec. 38. AS 39.50.020 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 39.50.020. REPORT OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS INTERESTS. (a)
17 A judicial officer, commissioner, chairman or member of a state com-
18 mission or board specified in sec. 200(9) of this chapter, person hired
19 or appointed as head or deputy head of, or director of a division
20 within, a department in the executive branch, person appointed as
21 assistant to the governor, and a municipal officer, shall file a state-
22 ment giving his income sources and business interests, under oath and on
23 penalty of perjury, within 30 days after he takes office as a public
24 official. Candidates for state elective office shall file such a
25 statement within 15 days after [AT THE TIME OF] filing a declaration of
26 candidacy or within 15 [30] days of the filing of any nominating peti-
27 tion, or within 15 [30] days of becoming a candidate by any other means,
28 except that if the candidate has a current statement on file with the
29 commission this requirement does not apply. Candidates for elective

1 municipal office shall file such a statement within seven days after
2 [AT THE TIME OF] filing a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy,
3 or other required filing for the elective municipal office, except that
4 if the candidate has a current statement on file with the municipality
5 this requirement does not apply. Refusal or failure to file within the
6 time prescribed shall require that the candidate's filing fees, if any,
7 and filing for office be refused or that his previously accepted filing
8 fee be returned and his name removed from the filing records. A state-
9 ment shall also be filed by public officials no later than April 15 [OR
10 15 DAYS AFTER THE PERSON FILES HIS FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN] in each
11 following year [, WHICHEVER SHALL COME FIRST. PERSONS WHO, ON OR AFTER
12 DECEMBER 11, 1974, WERE MEMBERS OF BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS NOT NAMED IN
13 SEC. 200(9) OF THIS CHAPTER ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE FINANCIAL STATE-
14 MENTS].

15 (b) The governor, lieutenant governor, members of the legislature,
16 [AND CANDIDATES FOR THESE OFFICES,] judicial officers, each commissioner,
17 head or deputy head of, or director of a division within, a department
18 in the executive branch, assistant to the governor or chairman or
19 member of a commission or board required to report under this chapter,
20 shall file the statement with the Alaska Public Offices Commission.
21 Municipal officers, and candidates for elective municipal office, shall
22 file with the municipal clerk or other municipal official designated to
23 receive their filing for office. All statements required to be filed
24 under this chapter are public records.

25 (c) Candidates for state elective office may submit the statement
26 to the lieutenant governor for filing with the commission. A statement
27 is filed or submitted as required by this subsection by actual physical
28 delivery no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day specified in (a) of this
29 section, or by actual physical delivery by registered mail which is

1 postmarked no later than the day specified in (a) of this section and
2 received not more than 15 days after that time.

3 * Sec. 39. The following laws are repealed: AS 15.07.070(c), AS 15.20.-
4 260 - 15.20.420 and AS 15.57.010 - 15.57.060.

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