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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2  HOUSE BILL NO. 299

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 ballot titles and propositions for
7 constitutional amendments."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15.50.010 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 15.50.010. PREPARATION OF PROPOSITION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
11 AMENDMENT. Within 30 days of the date of adjournment of a legislative
12 session or of the date of adjournment of a constitutional convention,
13 the [THE] lieutenant governor shall prepare a proposed ballot title and
14 proposition for each amendment to the state constitution proposed by the
15 legislature or by a constitutional convention. Each amendment shall be
16 confined to one subject. The lieutenant governor shall provide one copy
17 of the proposed ballot title and proposition for each amendment to each
18 member of the legislature and shall make copies available to the public.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 15.50 is amended by adding new sections to read:

20 Sec. 15.50.025. OBJECTION TO PROPOSED BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSI-
21 TION. A person, including the Legislature of the State of Alaska acting
22 directly or through the Legislative Council, who believes that the
23 proposed ballot title and proposition prepared by the lieutenant governor
24 under sec. 10 of this chapter does not provide a true and impartial
25 summary of the amendment proposed may, within 15 days of the date of
26 mailing of the proposed ballot title and proposition to the members of
27 the legislature, submit to the lieutenant governor a statement of objec-
28 tion to the proposed ballot title and proposition, giving his reasons
29 for objection, and suggesting alternative language revising the wording

1 of the title or proposition. The lieutenant governor shall consider any
2 objection received before ordering preparation and printing of the
3 ballots. Not more than 10 days after the deadline for receipt of objec-
4 tions, he shall advise any person who submitted a statement of objection
5 to the proposed ballot title and proposition of his final decision.

6 Sec. 15.50.070. JUDICIAL REVIEW. A person, including the Legis-
7 lature of the State of Alaska acting directly or through the Legislative
8 Council, who has filed with the lieutenant governor a statement of
9 objection to a proposed ballot title and proposition as provided in sec.
10 25 of this chapter and who believes that the ballot title and proposition
11 as finally prepared does not provide a true and impartial summary of the
12 amendment proposed may bring an action in the superior court to have the
13 determination reviewed. An action shall be commenced within 45 days of
14 the date of mailing of the proposed ballot title and proposition to
15 members of the legislature as provided in sec. 10 of this chapter.