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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 299

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to ballot titles and propositions for  
7 constitutional amendments."

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

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

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Sec. 15.50.010. PREPARATION OF PROPOSITION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL

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AMENDMENT. Within 30 days of the date of adjournment of a legislative

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session or of the date of adjournment of a constitutional convention,

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the [THE] lieutenant governor shall prepare a proposed ballot title and

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proposition for each amendment to the state constitution proposed by the

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legislature or by a constitutional convention. Each amendment shall be

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confined to one subject. The lieutenant governor shall provide one copy

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of the proposed ballot title and proposition for each amendment to each

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member of the legislature and shall make copies available to the public.

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

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Sec. 15.50.025. OBJECTION TO PROPOSED BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSI-

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TION. A qualified voter or the Legislature of the State of Alaska

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acting directly or through the Legislative Council, who believes that

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the proposed ballot title and proposition prepared by the lieutenant

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governor under sec. 10 of this chapter does not provide a true and

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impartial summary of the amendment proposed may, within 15 days of the

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date of mailing of the proposed ballot title and proposition to the

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members of the legislature, submit to the lieutenant governor a state-

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ment of objection to the proposed ballot title and proposition, giving

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his reasons for objection, and suggesting alternative language revising

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

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