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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 207

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  
13 United States and, for that reason, does not satisfy the registration  
14 requirements of this title, shall be allowed to register and vote as  
15 provided in this title if he resided in this state immediately before  
16 his departure from the United States and is otherwise qualified to  
17 vote.

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

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

28 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.07.030 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 15.07.030. WHO MAY REGISTER. A person who has the quali-

1       fications of a voter as set out in AS 15.05.010(1) - (4), or who will  
2       have the qualifications at the subsequent [SUCCEEDING] primary,  
3       special or general election, is entitled to be registered as a voter  
4       in the precinct in which he resides.

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

6               Sec. 15.07.040. TIME FOR REGISTRATION. A person who is qualified  
7       under AS 15.05.010(1) - (4) is entitled to register at any time  
8       throughout the year. A person registered as required by this chapter  
9       may vote at any election held 30 days or more after the date he  
10       registered [EXCEPT THAT NO REGISTRATION WILL BE MADE FOR A PERIOD OF  
11       30 DAYS PRECEDING THE ELECTION].

12       \* Sec. 5. AS 15.07.070(c) is repealed.

13       \* Sec. 6. AS 15.07.070(d) is amended to read:

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

24       \* Sec. 7. AS 15.07.130(b) is amended to read:

25               (b) When a registered voter has not voted in either a primary,  
26       special or general election at least once in four consecutive calendar  
27       years, the voter shall be advised by mail sent to his last known  
28       address that his registration will be cancelled unless he indicates  
29       within 90 days on forms furnished by the lieutenant governor his

1           desire to remain registered.

2 \* Sec. 8. AS 15.07.140 is amended to read:

3           Sec. 15.07.140. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION BY LIEUTENANT  
4 GOVERNOR. The lieutenant governor shall provide general administrative  
5 supervision over the registration and re-registration of voters and  
6 may issue regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS  
7 44.62) necessary to protect the interest of the voter and assure  
8 administrative efficiency; however, the lieutenant governor may not  
9 issue or promulgate administrative regulations which are inconsistent  
10 with the provisions of this chapter. The lieutenant governor shall,  
11 no later than 40 days before any primary, special or general election,  
12 arrange to have the list of registered voters of the precinct publicly  
13 displayed in the precinct. The lieutenant governor shall instruct  
14 registration officials to post the list of registered voters in a  
15 number of locations calculated to obtain maximum recognition. Upon  
16 request by the mayor or [CITY] manager of a municipality, [OR A BOROUGH  
17 CHAIRMAN] the lieutenant governor shall furnish registration informa-  
18 tion for all precincts all or part of which are within the boundaries  
19 of the local government unit.

20 \* Sec. 9. AS 15.13.060(c) is amended to read:

21           (c) Each candidate shall file the name and address of the cam-  
22 paign treasurer with the commission, or submit, in writing, the name  
23 and address of the campaign treasurer to the lieutenant governor for  
24 filing with the commission, no later than 15 [SEVEN] days after the  
25 date of filing his declaration of candidacy or his nominating petition.  
26 The name of the candidate may be placed on the ballot by the lieutenant  
27 governor only if the candidate has complied with this subsection.

28 \* Sec. 10. AS 15.15.260 is amended to read:

29           Sec. 15.15.260. RETURNING BALLOT BY VOTER. When the voter has

1 marked his ballot, he shall fold the ballot and return it to the judge  
2 who shall tear off the stub. The ballot shall then be deposited  
3 [DEPOSIT IT] in the ballot box in the presence of the voter. Separate  
4 ballot boxes may be used for separate ballots.

5 \* Sec. 11. AS 15.15.330 is amended to read:

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

17 \* Sec. 12. AS 15.20.140 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

18 Sec. 15.20.140. MARKING ABSENTEE BALLOT. Upon receipt of an  
19 absentee ballot, the voter, whether in or outside the state, in the  
20 presence of two attesting witnesses, both of whom are at least 18  
21 years of age, or before an election official, notary public, commissioned  
22 officer of the armed forces including the National Guard, district  
23 judge or magistrate, United States postmaster, United States assistant  
24 postmaster, or other person qualified to administer oaths, may proceed  
25 to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the small blank  
26 envelope, to place the small envelope in the larger envelope, and to  
27 sign the voter's certificate on the back of the larger envelope in the  
28 presence of the above-listed official or described persons who shall  
29 sign as an attesting witness.

1 \* Sec. 13. AS 15.20.150 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

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

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

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

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

23 \* Sec. 14. AS 15.20.260 - 15.20.420 are repealed.

24 \* Sec. 15. AS 15.20.620(c) is amended to read:

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

29 \* Sec. 16. AS 15.20.620(d) is amended to read:

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

5 \* Sec. 17. AS 15.20.650 is amended to read:

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

14 \* Sec. 18. AS 15.20.730(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) A vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the  
16 ballot shall be counted only if the name is written in, the square  
17 following it is punched, and the number of punches does not exceed the  
18 number of offices available. A write-in vote for a candidate whose  
19 name is also printed on the ballot may be counted only if the square  
20 following the written name is punched, the square following the  
21 printed name is not punched, and the number of punches does not exceed  
22 the number of offices available. Stickers are not allowed on punch  
23 card ballots.

24 \* Sec. 19. AS 15.25.040 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 15.25.040. MANNER AND DATE OF FILING DECLARATION. (a) The  
26 declaration is filed by either

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

1 office, or

2 (2) the actual physical delivery by telegram of the person's  
3 full name, mailing address, party affiliation, office sought and  
4 election district [A COPY IN SUBSTANCE OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE  
5 DECLARATION] at or before 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, the third Tuesday  
6 of May [JUNE 1] of the year in which a general election is held for  
7 the office; the telegram must also be accompanied by [AND ALSO] the  
8 actual physical delivery of the declaration by registered mail which  
9 is postmarked on [AT] or before the third Tuesday of May [5:00 P.M.,  
10 PREVAILING TIME, JUNE 1] of the year in which a general election is  
11 held for the office and received not more than 15 days after that  
12 time.

13 (b) If the postmark is illegible, a dated receipt from the post  
14 office where dispatched is [SHALL BE] acceptable as evidence of mail-  
15 ing. If the third Tuesday of May [JUNE 1] is a [SUNDAY OR] holiday,  
16 the deadlines for postmarking and receipt of the declaration shall be  
17 extended 24 hours [IN EACH INSTANCE].

18 \* Sec. 20. AS 15.25.056(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) If an incumbent candidate for renomination dies, becomes  
20 disqualified for holding the office he is seeking, or is certified  
21 as being incapacitated between the third Tuesday of May [JUNE 1] of  
22 the election year and that date which is 15 days before the date of  
23 the primary election, his place on the ballot may be filled by party  
24 petition. The petition shall state that the political party requests  
25 the name of the proposed candidate replace that of the incumbent on  
26 the primary election ballot and shall be accompanied by a declaration  
27 of candidacy from the person named in the petition. The petition must  
28 be received by the lieutenant governor no later than 14 days after  
29 the death, disqualification or certification of incapacity of the

1 incumbent or 10 days before the primary election date, whichever time  
2 is earlier.

3 \* Sec. 21. AS 15.25.150 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 15.25.150. DATE OF FILING PETITION. The petition is filed  
5 with the lieutenant governor by actual physical delivery [IN PERSON]  
6 at or before 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, the third Tuesday of May  
7 [JUNE 1] in the year in which a general election is held for the  
8 office, or by actual physical delivery by registered [CERTIFIED] mail  
9 which is postmarked on [AT] or before the third Tuesday of May [5:00  
10 P.M., PREVAILING TIME, JUNE 1] in the year in which a general election  
11 is held for the office, and received not more than 15 days after that  
12 time. If the postmark is illegible, a dated receipt from the post  
13 office where dispatched shall be acceptable as evidence of mailing.  
14 If the third Tuesday of May [JUNE 1] is a [SUNDAY OR] holiday, the  
15 deadlines for postmarking and receipt of the petition shall be ex-  
16 tended 24 hours in each instance.

17 \* Sec. 22. AS 15.45.020 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 15.45.020. FILING APPLICATION. An initiative is proposed  
19 by filing an application with the lieutenant governor. A deposit of  
20 \$100 must accompany the application. This deposit will be retained if  
21 a petition is not properly filed. If a petition is properly filed,  
22 the deposit shall be refunded. The lieutenant governor shall deter-  
23 mine whether a petition is properly filed as provided in sec. 150 of  
24 this chapter.

25 \* Sec. 23. AS 15.45.030 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 15.45.030. FORM OF APPLICATION. The application shall  
27 include (1) the proposed bill to be initiated, (2) a statement that  
28 the sponsors are qualified voters who signed the application with the  
29 proposed bill attached, (3) the designation of an initiative committee

1 of three sponsors who shall represent all sponsors and subscribers in  
2 matters relating to the initiative, and (4) the signatures, printed  
3 names and resident and mailing addresses of not less than 100 qualified  
4 voters, including the members of the initiative committee.

5 \* Sec. 24. AS 15.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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

9 \* Sec. 25. AS 15.45.060 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 15.45.060. DESIGNATION OF SPONSORS. The qualified voters  
11 who subscribe to the application are designated as sponsors. The  
12 initiative committee may designate additional sponsors [BY GIVING  
13 WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES  
14 OF THOSE SO DESIGNATED].

15 \* Sec. 26. AS 15.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 Sec. 15.45.085. PREPARATION OF DRAFT BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY.  
17 If the application is certified, the lieutenant governor shall prepare  
18 a draft ballot title and a draft impartial summary of the subject  
19 matter of the proposed bill to be initiated. The draft ballot title  
20 shall be posed as a question and limited to 10 words. The draft  
21 impartial summary may not exceed 100 words. The lieutenant governor  
22 shall provide the chairman of the committee with a copy of the draft  
23 ballot title and draft impartial summary. Within 10 days, the com-  
24 mittee may file specific written objections with the lieutenant  
25 governor. The committee may offer an alternative draft ballot title  
26 and draft impartial summary. The lieutenant governor shall consider  
27 any objections filed and alternatives offered by the committee, and  
28 shall prepare a proposed ballot title and impartial summary.

29 \* Sec. 27. AS 15.45.090 is amended to read:

1           Sec. 15.45.090. PREPARATION OF PETITION. If the application is  
2 certified, the lieutenant governor shall prescribe the form of and  
3 prepare a petition [PETITIONS] containing (1) a copy of the proposed  
4 bill, if the number of words included in both the formal and substan-  
5 tive provisions of the bill is 500 or less, (2) the proposed ballot  
6 title and [AN] impartial summary [OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE BILL.],  
7 (3) the warning prescribed in sec. 100 of this chapter, (4) sufficient  
8 space for signatures, printed names and resident and mailing addresses  
9 [ADDRESS], and (5) other specifications he prescribes [PRESCRIBED BY  
10 THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR] to assure proper handling and control.

11 Copies of the petition [PETITIONS], for purposes of circulation, shall  
12 be prepared by the lieutenant governor in a number reasonably calcu-  
13 lated to allow full circulation throughout the state. The initiative  
14 committee [LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR] shall number each copy [PETITION] and  
15 shall keep a record of the copy [PETITION] delivered to each sponsor.  
16 A copy of this record shall be submitted to the lieutenant governor at  
17 the time the petition is filed. Upon request of the committee, the  
18 lieutenant governor shall report the number of persons who voted in  
19 the preceding general election.

20 \* Sec. 28. AS 15.45.150 is amended to read:

21           Sec. 15.45.150. REVIEW OF PETITION. Within not more than 60  
22 days of the date the petition was filed, the lieutenant governor shall  
23 review the petition and shall notify the initiative committee whether  
24 the petition was properly or improperly filed. When it is known, the  
25 lieutenant governor shall notify the initiative committee [AND] at  
26 which election the proposition shall be placed on the ballot.

27 \* Sec. 29. AS 15.45.180 is amended to read:

28           Sec. 15.45.180. PREPARATION OF BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSITION. If  
29 the petition is properly filed, the lieutenant governor [, WITH THE

1 ASSISTANCE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,] shall prepare a ballot title and  
2 proposition, to consist of the proposed ballot title and impartial  
3 summary appearing in the petition. [THE BALLOT TITLE SHALL, IN NOT  
4 MORE THAN SIX WORDS, INDICATE THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF THE PROPOSITION.  
5 THE PROPOSITION SHALL, IN NOT MORE THAN 100 WORDS, GIVE A TRUE AND  
6 IMPARTIAL SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED LAW.]

7 \* Sec. 30. AS 15.45.260 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 15.45.260. FILING APPLICATION. A referendum is proposed by  
9 filing an application with the lieutenant governor. A deposit of \$100  
10 must accompany the application. This deposit will be retained if a  
11 petition is not properly filed. If a petition is properly filed, the  
12 deposit shall be refunded. The lieutenant governor shall determine  
13 whether a petition is properly filed as provided in sec. 380 of this  
14 chapter.

15 \* Sec. 31. AS 15.45.270 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 15.45.270. FORM OF APPLICATION. The application shall  
17 include (1) the act to be referred, (2) a statement that the sponsors  
18 are qualified voters who signed the application with the proposed bill  
19 attached, (3) the designation of a referendum committee of three  
20 sponsors who shall represent all sponsors and subscribers in matters  
21 relating to the referendum, and (4) the signatures, printed names  
22 and resident and mailing addresses of not less than 100 qualified  
23 voters, including the members of the referendum committee.

24 \* Sec. 33. AS 15.45.290 is amended to read:

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

1 \* Sec. 33. AS 15.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 Sec. 15.45.315. PREPARATION OF DRAFT BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY.

3 If the application is certified, the lieutenant governor shall prepare  
4 a draft ballot title and a draft impartial summary of the subject  
5 matter of the Act to be referred. The draft ballot title shall be  
6 posed as a question and limited to 10 words. The draft impartial  
7 summary may not exceed 100 words. The lieutenant governor shall  
8 notify the chairman of the committee of the wording of the draft  
9 ballot title and the draft impartial summary. Upon such notification,  
10 the committee may indicate specific objections to the lieutenant  
11 governor. The committee may offer an alternative draft ballot title  
12 and draft impartial summary. The lieutenant governor shall consider  
13 any objections indicated and alternatives offered by the committee,  
14 and shall prepare a proposed ballot title and impartial summary.

15 \* Sec. 34. AS 15.45.320 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 15.45.320. PREPARATION OF PETITION. If the application is  
17 certified, the lieutenant governor shall, within 10 [SEVEN] calendar  
18 days after the date of certification, prescribe the form of[,] and  
19 prepare[,] a petition containing (1) a copy of the Act to be referred,  
20 if the number of words included in both the formal and substantive  
21 provisions of the bill is 500 or less, (2) the proposed ballot title  
22 and [AN] impartial summary [OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ACT], (3) the  
23 warning prescribed in sec. 330 of this chapter, (4) sufficient space  
24 for signatures, printed names and resident and mailing addresses, and  
25 (5) other specifications he prescribes [PRESCRIBED BY THE LIEUTENANT  
26 GOVERNOR] to assure proper handling and control. Copies of the petition  
27 [PETITIONS], for purposes of circulation, shall be prepared by the  
28 lieutenant governor in a number reasonably calculated to allow full  
29 circulation through the state. The referendum committee [LIEUTENANT

1 GOVERNOR] shall number each copy [PETITION] and shall keep a record of  
2 the copies [PETITIONS] delivered to each sponsor. A copy of this  
3 record shall be submitted to the lieutenant governor at the time the  
4 petition is filed. Upon request of the referendum committee, the  
5 lieutenant governor shall specify the number of persons who voted in  
6 the preceding general election.

7 \* Sec. 35. AS 15.45.410 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 15.45.410. PREPARATION OF BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSITION. If  
9 the petition is properly filed, the lieutenant governor [, WITH THE  
10 ASSISTANCE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,] shall prepare a ballot title and  
11 proposition to consist of the proposed ballot title and impartial  
12 summary appearing in the petition [IF HE DETERMINES THAT THE PETITION  
13 IS PROPERLY FILED. THE BALLOT TITLE SHALL, IN NOT MORE THAN SIX  
14 WORDS, INDICATE THE GENERAL SUBJECT AREA OF THE ACT. THE PROPOSITION  
15 SHALL, IN NOT MORE THAN 100 WORDS, GIVE A TRUE AND IMPARTIAL SUMMARY  
16 OF THE ACT BEING REFERRED].

17 \* Sec. 36. AS 15.57.010 - 15.57.060 are repealed.

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

19 Sec. 15.57.011. ELECTION PAMPHLET. Before each state general  
20 election, the lieutenant governor shall prepare, publish and mail an  
21 election pamphlet to each registered voter of the state. Pamphlets  
22 may be prepared on a regional basis as provided in this chapter and  
23 determined by the lieutenant governor.

24 Sec. 15.57.021. CONTENTS OF PAMPHLETS. Each election pamphlet  
25 shall contain

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

29 (2) information and recommendations filed under sec. 70 of

1 this chapter on all judicial officers subject to a retention election  
2 in the region;

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

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

7 (5) an absentee ballot application;

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

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

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

14 (C) an impartial summary of the proposition, to be  
15 prepared by the lieutenant governor;

16 (D) if submitted, arguments and rebuttals advocating  
17 voter approval or rejection of the proposition as provided in  
18 this chapter;

19 (7) for each bond question,

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

22 (B) a concise narrative section setting out life-cycle  
23 cost information, to include, where practicable, the costs of  
24 maintenance and operations, occupancy costs, and debt service  
25 costs;

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

28 (9) additional information on voting procedures that the  
29 lieutenant governor considers necessary.

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

5           (b) Within five working days after rejection under (a) of this  
6 section, a person submitting the material may appeal to a board of  
7 review consisting of the governor, lieutenant governor and the attorney  
8 general, or their designees. The decision of the board is final  
9 regarding the acceptance or rejection of the matter in controversy.

10          Sec. 15.57.041. MATERIAL TO BE FILED BY NOMINEE. (a) No later  
11 than 60 days before the state general election, each nominee for the  
12 offices of United States President or Vice President may file with the  
13 lieutenant governor a photograph and a statement advocating his  
14 candidacy.

15          (b) No later than 90 days before the state general election,  
16 each nominee for the offices of United States senator, United States  
17 representative, governor, lieutenant governor, justice or judge, state  
18 senator and state representative may file with the lieutenant governor  
19 a photograph and a statement advocating his candidacy.

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

23          (d) Pages on which candidates' photographs or statements appear  
24 must be clearly identified with the words "paid for by" followed by  
25 the name of the candidate and the name of the candidate's campaign  
26 treasurer.

27          Sec. 15.57.051. REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINEE'S STATEMENT. A nomi-  
28 nee's statement must be typewritten. It must be limited to a position  
29 statement of 250 words or less and a biographical statement of 150

1 words or less.

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

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

7 Sec. 15.57.070. INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON JUDICIAL  
8 OFFICERS. No later than 90 days before the state general election,  
9 the judicial council shall file with the lieutenant governor a state-  
10 ment including information about each supreme court justice, superior  
11 court judge, and district court judge who will be subject to a reten-  
12 tion election. The statement must reflect the evaluation of each such  
13 justice or judge conducted by the judicial council according to law.  
14 Each statement may not exceed 500 words.

15 Sec. 15.57.080. INFORMATION STATEMENT. The lieutenant governor  
16 shall prepare an information statement on the effect of any proposi-  
17 tion submitted to the voters for approval. This statement must contain  
18 the text of any constitutional provision or statute to be affected by  
19 the proposition, and the text of the constitutional provision or  
20 statute as it would appear if the proposition is approved by the  
21 voters.

22 Sec. 15.57.090. PREPARATION OF ARGUMENT ADVOCATING APPROVAL OF  
23 PROPOSITION PROPOSED BY LEGISLATURE. Whenever the state legislature  
24 originates a proposition to be submitted to the voters, the legisla-  
25 tive affairs agency shall draft an argument advocating approval of the  
26 proposition for inclusion in the pamphlet. The argument may not  
27 exceed 500 words.

28 Sec. 15.57.100. PREPARATION OF ARGUMENT ADVOCATING APPROVAL OF  
29 INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PROPOSITION. Whenever an initiative or

1 referendum petition is filed with the lieutenant governor, the sponsor-  
2 ing committee shall draft an argument advocating approval of the  
3 proposition for inclusion in the pamphlet. The argument may not  
4 exceed 500 words.

5 Sec. 15.57.110. PREPARATION OF ARGUMENT ADVOCATING REJECTION OF  
6 PROPOSITION. Any voter, group of voters or organization may draft an  
7 argument advocating rejection of any proposition to be submitted to  
8 the voters for inclusion in the pamphlet. The argument may not exceed  
9 500 words.

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

14 (b) The notice shall be given by publication at least once in  
15 one or more newspapers of general circulation in each of the four  
16 judicial districts. The printed notice shall contain

17 (1) a summary of each proposition to be submitted to the  
18 voters;

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

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

24 (4) a deadline for filing arguments with the lieutenant  
25 governor.

26 Sec. 15.57.130. SELECTION OF ARGUMENTS. (a) The argument  
27 advocating approval of a proposition to be submitted to the voters  
28 drafted by the legislative affairs agency, in the case of a proposition  
29 originated by the legislature, or the sponsoring committee, in the

1 case of an initiative or referendum, shall be included in the pamphlet.

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

6 Sec. 15.57.140. NAME OF AUTHOR OF ARGUMENT. The name and  
7 address of the voter, voters, or organization drafting an argument  
8 must appear on the argument when filed with the lieutenant governor.  
9 The name and address of the voter, voters, or organization drafting an  
10 argument printed in the pamphlet must be printed in the pamphlet on  
11 the same page as the argument. If more than three voters drafted an  
12 argument, only the names of the first three are to be printed.

13 Sec. 15.57.150. REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS. (a) When the lieutenant  
14 governor has selected the arguments to appear in the pamphlet as  
15 prescribed in this chapter, he shall send copies of the argument in  
16 favor of the proposition to the author of the selected argument against  
17 the proposition. He shall also send copies of the selected argument  
18 against the proposition to the author of the argument in favor of the  
19 proposition. An author may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument  
20 that may not exceed 250 words.

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

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

26 Sec. 15.57.160. CHARGES FOR SPACE IN PAMPHLET. (a) Each  
27 general election candidate shall pay to the lieutenant governor, at  
28 the time of filing a photograph and statement under this chapter, the  
29 cost of one page of space in the election pamphlet according to the

1 following cost schedule:

2 (1) President or vice president of the United States,  
3 United States senator, United States representative, governor, lieu-  
4 tenant governor, supreme court justice, \$150 each;

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

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

7 (4) state representative; \$50 each.

8 (b) The chairperson or executive committee of each political  
9 party nominating candidates for election at the general election shall  
10 pay to the lieutenant governor, at the time of filing material under  
11 this chapter, \$300 for each of the two pages of authorized space  
12 actually used. Each page purchased must be clearly identified with  
13 the words "paid for by" followed by the name of the political party,  
14 the name of the chairperson for that party, and the name of the party  
15 treasurer.

16 (c) There is no charge for statements and recommendations sub-  
17 mitted by the judicial council or for arguments or rebuttal arguments  
18 advocating approval or rejection of any proposition submitted to the  
19 voters for approval.

20 Sec. 15.57.170. ORGANIZATION OF MATERIAL. All material in an  
21 election pamphlet must be organized in the same order, manner, and  
22 form in which it will appear on the ballot, to the extent possible.  
23 The decision of the lieutenant governor on the order, manner, and form  
24 of material included in an election pamphlet is final.

25 Sec. 15.57.180. DISTRIBUTION. (a) Not less than 30 days  
26 before the election, the lieutenant governor shall transmit by mail,  
27 to every registered voter in the state, one copy of the pamphlet  
28 prepared for the region in which the voter resides. Additional  
29 pamphlets may be obtained from the office of the lieutenant governor

1 and area election offices.

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

4 \* Sec. 38. AS 39.50.020 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 39.50.020. REPORT OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS INTERESTS. (a)  
6 A judicial officer, commissioner, chairman or member of a state com-  
7 mission or board specified in sec. 200(9) of this chapter, a person  
8 hired or appointed as head or deputy head of, or director of a divi-  
9 sion within, a department in the executive branch, person appointed as  
10 assistant to the governor, and a municipal officer, shall file a  
11 statement giving his income sources and business interests, under oath  
12 and on penalty of perjury, within 30 days after he takes office as a  
13 public official. With the exception of those persons who have current  
14 statements on file, all candidates [CANDIDATES] for state elective  
15 office shall file such a statement no later than 15 days after [AT  
16 THE TIME OF] filing a declaration of candidacy, or [WITHIN 30 DAYS OF]  
17 the filing of any nominating petition, or [WITHIN 30 DAYS OF] becoming  
18 a candidate by any other means. With the exception of those persons  
19 who have current statements on file, all candidates [CANDIDATES] for  
20 elective municipal office shall file such a statement at the time of  
21 filing a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy, or other  
22 required filing for the elective municipal office. Refusal or failure  
23 to file within the time prescribed shall require that the candidate's  
24 filing fees, if any, and filing for office be refused or that his pre-  
25 viously accepted filing fee be returned and his name removed from the  
26 filing records. A statement shall also be filed by public officials  
27 no later than April 15 or 15 days after the person files his federal  
28 income tax return in each following year, whichever shall come first.  
29 Persons who, on or after December 11, 1974, were members of boards or

1 commissions not named in sec. 200(9) of this chapter are not required  
2 to file financial statements.

3 (b) The governor, lieutenant governor, members of the legislature,  
4 and candidates for these offices, judicial officers, each commissioner,  
5 head or deputy head of, or director of a division within, a department  
6 in the executive branch, assistant to the governor or chairman or  
7 member of a commission or board required to report under this chapter,  
8 shall file the statement with the Alaska Public Offices Commission or  
9 submit the statement to the lieutenant governor for filing with the  
10 commission. A statement is filed or submitted as required by this  
11 subsection by actual physical delivery no later than 5:00 p.m. on the  
12 day specified in (a) of this section, or by actual physical delivery  
13 by registered mail which is postmarked no later than the day specified  
14 in (a) of this section and received not more than 15 days after that  
15 time. Municipal officers, and candidates for elective municipal  
16 office, shall file with the municipal clerk or other municipal official  
17 designated to receive their filing for office. All statements required  
18 to be filed under this chapter are public records.  
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