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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 366

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to ballot titles and to propositions
7 for 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 qualified voter or the Legislature of the State of Alaska
22 acting directly or through the Legislative Council, who believes that
23 the proposed ballot title and proposition prepared by the lieutenant
24 governor under sec. 10 of this chapter does not provide a true and
25 impartial summary of the amendment proposed may, within 15 days of the
26 date of mailing of the proposed ballot title and proposition to the
27 members of the legislature, submit to the lieutenant governor a state-
28 ment of objection to the proposed ballot title and proposition, giving
29 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 proposi-
12 tion as finally prepared does not provide a true and impartial summary
13 of the amendment proposed may bring an action in the superior court to
14 have the determination reviewed. An action shall be commenced within 45
15 days of the date of mailing of the proposed ballot title and proposition
16 to members of the legislature as provided in sec. 10 of this chapter.
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