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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 109

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for submission of constitutional
7 amendments by initiative; and providing for an effec-
8 tive date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 15.45.010 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 15.45.010. PROVISION AND SCOPE FOR USE OF THE INITIATIVE.

12 The law-making powers assigned to the legislature, including amendments
13 to the state constitution, may be exercised by the people through the
14 initiative. However, no initiative may be proposed to dedicate reve-
15 nues, to make or repeal appropriations, to create courts, to define the
16 jurisdiction of courts or prescribe their rules, or to enact local or
17 special legislation.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 15.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 15.45.950. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, "proposed law"

20 includes an amendment to the state constitution.

21 * Sec. 3. AS 15.50.010 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 15.50.010. PREPARATION OF PROPOSITION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
23 AMENDMENT. The lieutenant governor shall prepare a proposed ballot
24 title and proposition for each amendment to the state constitution
25 proposed by the legislature, by initiative or by a constitutional
26 convention. Each amendment shall be confined to one subject. Within
27 30 days of the date of adjournment of a legislative session, of the cer-
28 tification of the initiative petition, or of the date of adjournment of
29 a constitutional convention, the lieutenant governor shall provide one

1 copy of the proposed ballot title and proposition for each amendment to
2 each member of the legislature and shall make copies available to the
3 public.

4 * Sec. 4. AS 15.50.030 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 15.50.030. PLACING PROPOSITION ON BALLOT. The lieutenant
6 governor shall direct the director to place the ballot title and propo-
7 sition on the ballot for the next statewide general election held after
8 the amendment proposed by initiative or by the legislature or held 120
9 days after the amendment proposed by a constitutional convention. If
10 there is insufficient time to permit the proposition to be placed on
11 the regular ballot by the director, the lieutenant governor shall
12 direct the director to prepare a separate ballot for the proposition.

13 * Sec. 5. AS 15.50.040 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 15.50.040. DISPLAY OF RESOLUTION. The director shall provide
15 each election board with 10 copies of the resolution proposing the
16 constitutional amendment by initiative, by the legislature, or by the
17 convention, and the election board shall display three copies of the
18 resolution in a conspicuous place in the room where the election is
19 held.

20 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the effective date of an amendment to
21 the Constitution of the State of Alaska which allows amendments to the
22 constitution by initiative.
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