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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 483

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to an advisory question to be placed  
7 before the voters concerning the Alaska longevity  
8 bonus program; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. Section 22, ch. 99, SLA 1985 is repealed and reenacted to  
11 read:

12 \* Sec. 22. The lieutenant governor shall place before the quali-  
13 fied voters of the state at the next general election the following  
14 question, advisory to the legislature. The question shall appear on  
15 the ballot in substantially the following form:

16 Q U E S T I O N

17 In 1987 the legislature will consider two proposed  
18 changes to the Alaska longevity bonus program that pays  
19 \$250 a month to people who are 65 years or older and  
20 reside in the state for at least one year before apply-  
21 ing for the bonus. The two proposals are summarized.

22 (1) OPTIONAL ANNUITY PROPOSAL. A resident 65  
23 years of age on or before January 1, 1988 will continue  
24 to receive the full longevity bonus payment. Every year  
25 on the permanent fund dividend application form, each  
26 resident younger than 65 years of age on or before  
27 January 1, 1988, or legal guardian for such a resident  
28 may choose to receive that year's dividend in cash or  
29 receive all or part of it as an annuity credit. If

1 annuity credits have been elected, on reaching age 65  
2 the resident will receive an annuity payment, the amount  
3 of which will depend on the amount of the resident's  
4 accumulated annuity credits. In the early years of the  
5 program, the annuity payment would be supplemented with  
6 a declining longevity bonus payment paid for with state  
7 funds, since initially the annuity payment could not on  
8 its own provide an amount equal to \$250 a month. The  
9 annuity program will be optional.

10 (2) STAIR STEPPING PROPOSAL. The Alaska longevity  
11 bonus program will eventually be discontinued. Only  
12 residents who reach 65 years of age on or before  
13 January 1, 1988, will qualify to receive a monthly  
14 bonus. Younger residents will never benefit from this  
15 program.

16 Which proposal should the legislature adopt?

17 (1)  Optional annuity proposal

18 (2)  Stair stepping proposal

19 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
20 10.070(c).