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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 247 (Judiciary)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the preparation of election  
7 propositions and materials."  
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
9 \* Section 1. AS 15.45.180 is amended by adding a new subsection to  
10 read:  
11 (b) The proposition prepared under (a) of this section shall  
12 comply with AS 15.60.005 and shall be worded so that a "Yes" vote on  
13 the proposition is a vote to enact the proposed law.  
14 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.45.410 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
15 (b) The proposition prepared under (a) of this section shall  
16 comply with AS 15.60.005 and shall be worded so that a "Yes" vote on  
17 the proposition is a vote to reject the act referred.  
18 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.50.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
19 (b) The proposition prepared under (a) of this section shall  
20 comply with AS 15.60.005 and shall be worded so that a "Yes" vote on  
21 the proposition is a vote to adopt the proposed constitutional amend-  
22 ment.  
23 \* Sec. 4. AS 15.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:  
24 Sec. 15.60.005. READABILITY OF CERTAIN ELECTION MATERIALS. (a)  
25 The policy of the state is to prepare a ballot proposition that is  
26 clear, concise, and easily readable. The form of each ballot proposi-  
27 tion shall be scored under (c) of this section. The policy of the  
28 state is to prepare a ballot proposition that is scored at approxi-  
29 mately 65.

1           (b) Each neutral summary prepared for the voter's pamphlet shall  
2 be scored under (c) of this section. The policy of the state is to  
3 prepare a neutral summary that is scored at approximately 65.

4           (c) A ballot proposition or neutral summary shall be scored  
5 using the following procedures:

6                 (1) disregard numbers;

7                 (2) multiply the average sentence length in words by 1.015;

8                 (3) multiply the average number of syllables for each 100  
9 words by .846;

10                (4) subtract the total of (2) and (3) from 206.835.

11           (d) A court may not enjoin the conduct or results of an election  
12 for a failure to comply with (a) or (b) of this section.