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

1 approximately 65.

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

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

7 (1) disregard numbers;

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

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

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

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

14 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).