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Alaska State Legislature



Senate

SENATOR MIKE COLLETTA

February 25, 1982

The Honorable Victor Fischer  
Chairman  
State Affairs Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

Enclosed is a copy of a poll conducted by Dave Dittman for the Free Committee showing conclusively that Alaskans favor limiting the terms of legislators.

Based on the overwhelming statistics contained in the poll, I urge you to schedule hearings as soon as possible on Senate Joint Resolution 55, which I introduced earlier this session.

The resolution, which must pass this session to gain a spot on the 1982 general election ballot, would limit the number of terms a legislator may serve to four consecutive terms in the House and two consecutive terms in the Senate.

Nothing in the resolution prevents an incumbent from running for office in the opposite house after serving the maximum time in one body, or to sit out a term and seek election to his former seat.

I just feel it is good business practice to rotate people, before old habits set in. And apparently Alaskans hold the same opinion. Of the 455 persons interviewed in 51 communities across the state, 62 percent favored limiting the terms of legislators. The trend was consistent among Alaskans of all ages, background and areas of the state.

Again, I request that you take up SJR 55 as soon as possible, in order to allow the public ample time to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mike Colletta in cursive.

Mike Colletta

cc: all Legislators

MULTI-QUEST

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ANCHORAGE WOMEN'S CLUB  
FREE COMMITTEE

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*Alaska Analysis / Dittman Research*

SURVEY ACCURACY

The Dittman Research Corporation, recognized in 1978 as one of the nation's most accurate political survey research organizations following a nation-wide comparison of published pre-election survey results, further enhanced the reputation following the 1980 General Elections in Alaska. The final pre-election state-wide survey published in The Anchorage Times reported that Frank Murkowski would defeat Clark Gruening by 8% and become Alaska's new U.S. Senator. After all challenged and absentee ballots were counted, the certified results revealed Murkowski had defeated Gruening by 8.002%.

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## METHODOLOGY

During the period February 27 - March 5, 1981, residents of the sample locations listed on the following pages were personally contacted by telephone by professional interviewing employees of the Dittman Research Corporation. The views and opinions of the Alaska residents were recorded on a number of topics on a strictly confidential basis.

Research design- A random sample design was featured which provided that all residents of those communities included in the survey had essentially the same chance of being interviewed. The sample was apportioned based on the population of the included communities.

Sample selection- The Anchorage sample was selected through a computer-generated random digit dialing program. This is particularly important in Anchorage due to a 40% rate of unpublished and unlisted numbers.

The sample in the other communities state-wide was randomly selected from current telephone subscribers listed in the most recent telephone directory for each community. In these communities the percentage of non-listed numbers does not exceed 10%.

PROCESSING THE DATA-

Dittman Research Employees completed the coding and editing, while all key-punching, verification, and data processing was completed by Boeing Computer Services Company through the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) programs. The SPSS package is one of the most sophisticated research-oriented data processing and analytical systems available, and is designed specifically for the processing and analysis of survey research data.

SAMPLE LOCATIONS

Sample points are assigned geographically throughout Alaska in such a manner that all citizens over 18 have essentially the same opportunity for involvement. Samples are drawn from 51 Alaskan communities.



FILE MULT19 (CREATION DATE = 81/03/10.)

\*\*\*\*\* C R O S S T A B U L A T I O N O F \*  
 LOCATION BY LEGTERMS  
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LEGTERMS

	COUNT	I	I	I	I	I	ROW	
LOCATION	ROW PCT	IW-R	FAVOR	OPPOSE			TOTAL	
		I	0	I	1	I	2	I
		I	4	I	17	I	13	I
RURAL	1	I	11.8	I	50.0	I	38.2	I
		I		I		I		I
	2	I	8	I	41	I	29	I
CENTRAL		I	10.3	I	52.6	I	37.2	I
		I		I		I		I
	3	I	4	I	38	I	15	I
SCENTRAL		I	7.0	I	66.7	I	26.3	I
		I		I		I		I
	4	I	11	I	137	I	52	I
ANCH		I	5.5	I	68.5	I	26.0	I
		I		I		I		I
	5	I	6	I	51	I	29	I
SOUTHEST		I	7.0	I	59.3	I	33.7	I
		I		I		I		I
COLUMN			33		284		138	
TOTAL			7.3		62.4		30.3	

*Row # actual # of us.*

*total sample size*

FILE MULTI9 (CREATION DATE = 81/03/10.)

\*\*\*\*\* C R O S S T A B U L A T I O N O F \*  
 TIMEINAK BY LEGTERMS  
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LEGTERMS

	COUNT	I	I	I	I	I	ROW
	RCW	PCT	IN-R	FAVOR	OPPCSE		TOTAL
			I	0	I	1	I
			I		I	2	I
TIMEINAK			I		I		I
	1		I	12	I	87	I
1-4YRS		9.4	I	68.5	I	22.3	I
			I		I		I
	2		I	3	I	52	I
5-7YRS		3.5	I	60.5	I	36.0	I
			I		I		I
	3		I	6	I	49	I
8-13YRS		7.7	I	62.8	I	29.5	I
			I		I		I
	4		I	1	I	41	I
14-19YRS		1.8	I	71.9	I	26.3	I
			I		I		I
	5		I	11	I	55	I
20+YRS		10.3	I	51.4	I	38.3	I
			I		I		I
COLUMN			33	284		138	455
TOTAL			7.3	62.4		39.3	100.0

FILE MULTI9 (CREATION DATE = 81/03/10.)

\*\*\*\*\* CROSS TABULATION OF AGE BY LEGTERMS \*\*\*\*\*

LEGTERMS

AGE	COUNT	IN-R	FAVOR	OPPCSE	ROW TOTAL
	0	0	1	2	
N-R		0	100.0	0	.2
18-24	5	6.4	46	27	78
25-40	13	6.1	62.1	31.8	47.0
41-55	8	7.1	61.6	31.3	24.6
56+	7	14.0	70.0	16.0	11.0
COLUMN TOTAL	33	7.3	62.4	30.3	455
TOTAL					100.0

FILE MULTI9 (CREATION DATE = 81/03/10.)

\*\*\*\*\* C R O S S T A B U L A T I O N O F \*  
 SEX BY LEGTERMS  
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		LEGTERMS					
	COUNT	I					
SEX	ROW PCT	IN-R	FAVGR	OPPOSE			ROW TOTAL
		0	1	2			
MALE	1	15	130	57			202
		7.4	64.4	28.2			44.4
FEMALE	2	18	154	81			253
		7.1	60.9	32.0			55.6
	COLUMN TOTAL	33	284	138			455
		7.3	62.4	30.3			100.0



FILE MULTI9 (CREATION DATE = 81/03/10.)

\*\*\*\*\* C R O S S T A B U L A T I O N O F \* \*  
 WORKDC BY LEGTERMS  
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LEGTERMS

	COUNT	I	IN-R	FAVOR	OPPOSE	ROW
	ROW PCT	I	I	I	I	TOTAL
WORKDC		I	9	I 1	I 2	I
	0	I	9	I 3	I 0	I 3
N-R		I	0	I 100.0	I 0	I .7
	2	I	2	I 42	I 20	I 64
DEGREE		I	3.1	I 65.6	I 31.3	I 14.1
	3	I	6	I 74	I 35	I 115
NONDEGREE		I	5.2	I 64.3	I 30.4	I 25.3
	4	I	10	I 47	I 19	I 76
SKILLED		I	13.2	I 61.8	I 25.0	I 16.7
	5	I	3	I 35	I 23	I 61
NONSKILL		I	4.9	I 57.4	I 27.7	I 13.4
	6	I	5	I 21	I 4	I 30
NOTWORKF		I	16.7	I 70.0	I 13.3	I 6.6
	7	I	7	I 62	I 37	I 106
HOMEMAKE		I	6.6	I 58.5	I 34.9	I 23.3
COLUMN			33	284	138	455
TOTAL			7.3	62.4	30.3	100.0

FILE MULTIS (CREATION DATE = 81/03/10.)

\*\*\*\*\* C R O S S T A B U L A T I O N O F \*  
 INCOME BY LEGTERMS  
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LEGTERMS

	COUNT	I		I		I		I		
	ROW	PCT	IN-R	FAVGR	OPPCSE	ROW	TOTAL			
			I							
			I	0	I	1	I	2		
			I		I		I			
INCOME	0		I	3	I	20	I	10	I	33
DECLINED		9.1	I	64.6	I	30.3	I		I	7.3
	1		I	10	I	69	I	37	I	116
0-20000		8.6	I	59.5	I	31.9	I		I	25.5
	2		I	13	I	107	I	61	I	181
20-45000		7.2	I	59.1	I	33.7	I		I	39.8
	3		I	2	I	60	I	17	I	79
45-60000		2.5	I	75.9	I	21.5	I		I	17.4
	4		I	5	I	28	I	13	I	46
60000+		10.9	I	60.9	I	26.3	I		I	10.1
COLUMN				33		284		138		455
TOTAL				7.3		62.4		30.3		100.0

FILE MULTI9 (CREATION DATE = 81/03/10.)

\*\*\*\*\* C R C S S T A B U L A T I O N O F \*  
 VOTER BY LEGTERMS  
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LEGTERMS

	CCOUNT	I	IN-R	FAVOR	OPPOSE	ROW
	ROW	PCT				TOTAL
VOTER			I	1	2	
	0		I	3	0	3
N-R			I	100.0	0	.7
	1		I	235	124	364
YES			I	61.2	32.3	84.4
	2		I	46	14	60
NO			I	67.6	23.6	14.9
COLUMN			33	284	138	455
TOTAL			7.3	62.4	30.3	100.0

FILE MULTIS (CREATION DATE = 81/03/10.)

\*\*\*\*\* C R O S S T A B U L A T I O N O F \*\*\*\*\*  
 PARTY BY LEGTERMS

LEGTERMS

	COUNT	I	IN-R	FAVGR	OPPGSE	ROW	TOTAL
PARTY	ROW PCT	I	I	I	I	I	I
		0	1	2			
		7	53	17		77	
N-R		9.1	68.8	22.1		16.9	
		5	61	34		100	
DEMOCRAT		5.0	61.0	34.0		22.0	
		3	57	24		84	
REPUBLICAN		3.6	67.9	28.6		18.5	
		18	113	63		194	
NONPARTISAN		9.3	58.2	32.5		42.6	
COLUMN TOTAL		33	284	138		455	
		7.3	62.4	30.3		100.0	