

CS HB

247

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER

4/20/88

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 5/7/88

Mr. President:

FINANCE Committee considered CSHB 247 (JUD)

preparation of election propositions and materials

and recommended

replace with 5 CS CSHB 247 (FIN) )  same title  
 or adopt \_\_\_\_\_ )  new title

attached amendment(s) and

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_

letter of intent adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Committee  attached or  adopted fiscal note(s)  
 new  updated or  previous  
 zero  fiscal impact *Electronics & Doherty*

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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*Rich Halford do pass*  
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Chairman signature and recommendation

STATE OF ALASKA  
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: SCSCSHE 247 (Fin)  
PUBLISH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST: **FISCAL NOTE**

Revision Date: 1/29/88  
 Title: An Act relating to the readability of certain election materials.  
 Sponsor: DAVIS  
 Requestor: Senate State Affairs  
 Agency Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Components: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Linda Edgeworth Phone: 465-4611  
 Division: Division of Elections Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 2/1/88  
 Agency: Office of the Governor

Distribution (by preparer): 2/1/88  
 Legislative Finance  
 Legislative Sponsor  
 Requestor  
 Office of Management and Budget  
 Impacted Agency(ies)

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Version: SCSCSHB 247 (Fin)  
Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affected: Department of Law  
BRU: Legal Services

Title: "An Act relating to certain  
election materials."

Sponsor: Representative Davis

Components: Operations

Requestor: House State Affairs

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached analysis.

*Richard I. Peques*

Prepared by: Richard I. Peques, Director

Phone: 465-3672

Division: Administrative Services

Date: April 13, 1987

Approved by Commissioner: Richard I. Peques / FOR / Grace Berg Schaible, Atty. Gen.

Date: April 13, 1987

Agency: Department of Law

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)
- Senate Secretary

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

No. 1  
CSHB 247(SA)  
4/22/87

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 247(SA)

This bill amends AS 15.58 by adding a new section that provides a scoring methodology for the readability of the neutral summaries of ballot propositions that appear in the voter's pamphlet. Divisions of Elections and Department of Law staff responsible for preparing these summaries may have to hone their writing skills, but they will not require additional resources to implement this bill.

*Adopted*

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Bradley  
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Original sponsors: Davis, Koponen  
and Boucher

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 247 (Finance)

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 60.

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 60.

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).  
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STATE OF ALASKA  
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SCS CSHB 247  
BILL VERSION: (STATE AFFAIRS)  
PUBLISH DATE:

### FISCAL NOTE

#### REQUEST:

REVISION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: An Act relating to the readability of certain election materials.  
SPONSOR: Representative Davis  
REQUESTOR: Senate Judiciary

AGENCY AFFECTED: Legislative Affairs Agency  
BRU: Legislative Council  
COMPONENTS: Legal Services

#### EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

OPERATING	FY88	FY89	FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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#### FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUND						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

#### POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE IF NECESSARY)

NO FISCAL IMPACT.

PREPARED BY: PAMELA STOOPS, MANAGER  
DIVISION: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

PHONE: 465-3850  
DATE: April 18, 1988

APPROVED BY: WARREN ENDICOTT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
AGENCY: LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

DATE: April 18, 1988

DISTRIBUTION (BY PREPARER)  
LEGISLATIVE FINANCE  
LEGISLATOR SPONSOR  
REQUESTOR  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
IMPACTED AGENCY (IES)

4/20/88  
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STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Version: CSHB 247(SA)  
Publish Date: HOUSE 4/22/87

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sponsor: Representative Davis  
Requestor: House State Affairs

Agency Affected: Department of Law  
BRU: Legal Services  
Components: Operations

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached analysis.

*Richard I. Pegues*

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Phone: 465-3672

Division: Administrative Services

Date: April 13, 1987

Approved by Commissioner: Richard I. Pegues /FOR/  
Grace Berg Schaible, Atty. Gen.

Date: April 13, 1987

Agency: Department of Law

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
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4/22/87

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STATE OF ALASKA  
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SCS  
BILL VERSION: CSHB 247(SA)  
PUBLISH DATE: 2/23/88

FISCAL NOTE

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Requestor: Senate State Affairs  
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Prepared by: *le* Linda Edgeworth  
Division: Division of Elections  
Phone: 465-4611  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Commissioner: *[Signature]*  
Agency: Office of the Governor  
Date: 2/1/88

Distribution (by preparer): 2/1/88

Legislative Finance  
Legislative Sponsor  
Requestor  
Office of Management and Budget  
Impacted Agency(ies)

Original sponsors: Davis, Koponen  
and Boucher

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  
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Original sponsors: Davis, Koponen  
and Boucher

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  
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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER: JUDICIARY  
FINANCE

5/16/87

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 2/22/88

Mr. President:

STATE AFFAIRS

Committee considered CSHB 247 (Jud)

preparation of election propositions and materials

and recommended:

replace with SCS FOR CSHB 247(SA) )  same title  
 or adopt CS FOR )  new title  
*reports it back as follows*  
 attached amendment(s) and

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

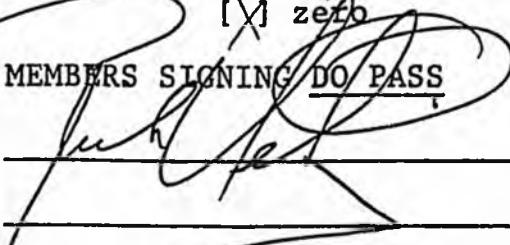
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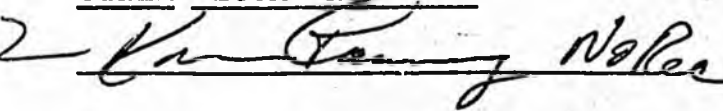
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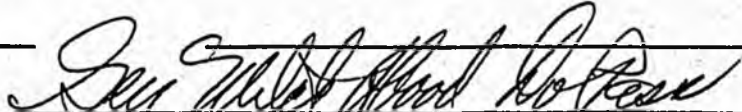
Committee  attached or  adopted fiscal note(s)  
 new  updated or  previous  
 zero  fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO/PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup Attached

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Rec'd 2/23 am

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DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

2/23/88  
Mr. President:

Judiciary Committee considered CSHB 247 (JUD)

preparation of election propositions and materials

*majority of the committee recommended the S.A. Sec be adopted + do pass.*  
and recommended

*ask*  replace with CS  same title  
 or adopt S CS Feb 15 HB 247 (St. Aff)  new title

attached amendment(s) and

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_

letter of intent adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Committee  attached or  adopted fiscal note(s)

new  updated or  previous

zero  fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

*1* Arline Sturgulinski  
*1* Geoff. Johnson  
*1* Patricia Boddy

*2* Jan fails Do Not Pass  
UNLESS AMENDED

*1* Kathy [unclear] Do pass  
Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup attached