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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/16/95

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 3-2-95

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 5

"An Act prescribing characteristics of voting booths employed in elections and the color of ballots used in state elections" **ELECTION BALLOTS**

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS SB5 (STA)
- attached \_\_\_\_\_ bill(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

- Senate Bill: same title
- new title
- House Bill:**
- technical change
- new SGR

SIGNING DO PASS:	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓				
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<i>[Signature]</i>	✓	<i>Paul F. Zhaniff</i>	✓		
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**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)**

Department                      Date      Zero      Fiscal


**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department                      Date      Zero      Fiscal

Gov	2/13/95	0	

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Election Ballots

Department Affected: Office of the Governor  
BRU: Division of Elections  
Component: General and Primary

Sponsor: Senator Kelly  
Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 22

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

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CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND &	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS,	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

1002 Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0
1003 GF Match	0	0	0	0	0	0
1004 GF	0	0	0	0	0	0
1005 GF/Program	0	0	0	0	0	0
1006 GF/MHTIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Estimate of current year (FY95) impact: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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February 22, 1995

To: **Senator Halford**  
Co-Chair  
**Senator Frank**  
Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee

From: **Senator Kelly**

Re: Request for hearing

I would like to request a committee hearing for CS SB 5 at your earliest convenience. CS SB 5 relates to the color of ballots in primary elections and the kind of voting booths available. For your reference I have attached the sponsor statement and the fiscal note.

If you have any questions regarding CS SB 5, please contact Patricia Grenier of my staff at extension 4823.

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**Sponsor Statement**  
**CS SB 5 ( )**

**Privacy of Voting**

This past election many of the voters in my district and throughout the state complained about two things: different colored ballots and the new curtainless suitcase voting booths. This legislation is designed to address these concerns by ensuring the secrecy of ballots and the privacy of voting in two ways: by requiring that half of all booths at each precinct be curtained booths, and by having all primary ballots printed on white paper only.

As it stands now the secrecy of voting in this state is severely compromised. There simply have not been enough curtained voting booths at all polling places; in fact, my own precinct had just one curtained booth. As well, these new suitcase voting booths the division is utilizing have lower walls and no curtain, so that one can simply look over and see the ballot of the next voter. Finally, with the different colored ballots in the primary, as one carries their ballot and their stubs through the precinct, and when one wears their "I Have Voted" stubs the selection of ballot is obvious and not private or secret.

The ballot a voter chooses and how he or she casts their vote is a secret matter, not to be shared indiscriminately without consent. The secret ballot is one of the basic protections in a democracy. This legislation remedies these corruptions of the voting process, and carries a zero fiscal note.