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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

3-23-70

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: February 25, 1998

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3/21/98

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HB 46

HOUSE BILL NO. 462

USE OF STATE MONEY FOR IMAGES/MESSAGE:

"An Act relating to the contents of certain state documents."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute CS HB 462 (STA) the same title a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____

fiscal note(s) _____ fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) Gov/all dept's zero fiscal note(s) _____

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House Of Representatives

House District 33

House Bill 462

"An Act relating to the contents of certain state documents."

Sponsor

Representative Gene Therriault



Sponsor Statement

House Bill 462 is designed to curtail the increasingly prevalent practice of using state publications to further personal political agendas. HB 462 would place a number of these publications off-limits to state officials for personal purposes. In the past, these documents have been used to disseminate legitimate programmatic and deadline information, but I believe have deteriorated recently into materials used primarily for self promotion. While any elected official would relish the opportunity to send political and personal messages to the electorate at state expense, this sort of message should be restricted to individual stationary or newsletter format purchased through the appropriate budgets. The use of routine publications for this has the potential of politicizing the underlying programs.

House Bill 462 0-LS1527B 2/10/98

“An act relating to state publications and documents”

SPONSOR: Representative Gene Therriault

Sectional Analysis

Section 1

Amends AS 44.99 by adding a new section that prohibits state agencies from placing a picture of a state official on an application form, warrant, or direct deposit notice. It limits the use of messages from state officials on those publications to what is required by law, is necessary for understanding the document, or addresses seasonal health issues. It allows messages from the commissioner of the department, director of the division, or head of the legislative agency responsible for the program or activity for which the document is issued as long as the message is limited to stating the requirements of the program and providing reminders about deadlines.

The bill defines “state official” as the governor, lieutenant governor, a legislator, a state judge, a state justice, the commissioner or deputy commissioner of a state department, the director or deputy director of a state department, a board member of a public corporation of the state, a member of a state commission, board, or authority, an officer of the University of Alaska, or an employee of the state.

Inappropriate

May 1996

Legislators left Juneau without performing their most basic responsibility – passing a balanced budget. The result is a gaping \$400 million hole in the budget and cuts to vital programs, including such medical services for the elderly such as eyeglasses, hearing aids and acute dental care.

Alaskans Deserve better. I am urging your lawmakers to adopt my Safe Landing Budget Plan that balances the budget in three years and also protects your basic services.

March 1996

Dear Longevity Bonus Recipient;

Last month my administration put forth the 1997 Capital Budget which includes millions of dollars worth of capital budget requests for construction of senior citizen housing and renovations to existing structures.

Pioneer's Homes in Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Anchorage, Palmer and Fairbanks will see \$2.3 million dollars in repairs and renovations. More than \$6 million is earmarked for the Golden Towers housing complex in Fairbanks. I have allocated \$3.5 million for construction of assisted living centers and \$4 million for deferred maintenance projects.

I want to keep senior housing safe and accessible. I am counting on the legislature to pass my proposed Capital Budget plan during this legislative session.

Sincerely,
tk

February 1996

Dear Longevity Bonus Recipient;

Our greatest challenge this legislative session is to navigate Alaska's economy toward a safe economic landing. I believe any long-term budget plan must be based on five principles. We must close the budget gap and balance our budget. We must continue to cut the budget. We must protect and enlarge the Permanent Fund. Any plan to raise taxes and fees to pay for our essential services must be fair. And finally, there must be no tinkering without a vote of the people.

We can make Alaska a better place for our families. Lets work together to make this safe landing successful. Lets eliminate the budget gap in the next six years!

Sincerely,
tk

July 1996

Dear Longevity Bonus recipient;

I recently signed a new law that should interest you, Senate Bill 304, which becomes effective July 1. The new law will permanently disqualify a bonus recipient who is absent from the state for 180 days or more in any 12-month period. But it also allows you to take a sabbatical from the state for up to a year without losing eligibility. You would not receive the bonus while out of state, but would still be eligible upon your return to Alaska. Remember that you must notify the department 30 days in advance of starting the sabbatical. The Longevity Bonus staff will be sending more information soon, but I wanted to give you an early heads up to this important change.

Sincerely,
Governor Tony Knowles

September 1997

Dear Longevity Bonus Recipient,

September is not too early to begin preventative winter health care. Flu shots should be available free from any medical provider that accepts Medicare. Check with your doctor.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to speak with me this summer while I visited communities from Barrow to Ketchikan, from Fairbanks to Emmonak. Your words of wisdom have meant much to me.

Sincerely,
Governor Tony Knowles

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Appropriate

August 1997

Dear Longevity Bonus Recipient,

The Longevity Bonus checks are mailed on the last working day of every month. Please allow sufficient time for the mail to reach your area. It is not unusual for checks mailed to one address to arrive on different days. If you have not received your payment by the 15th of the month please call the Longevity Bonus office at 907 465 4416 and one of the technicians will advise you of your options.

Sincerely,
The Longevity Bonus Staff



Department of Revenue
Permanent Fund Dividend Division

1998

PERMANENT FUND

Dividend Application Booklet



Dear Alaskan,

The booklet you hold is unique. It represents your opportunity to directly benefit from an Alaska program whose success is the envy of every state and province in North America. Others have tried, but none have equaled the stability and growth of our Alaska Permanent Fund. I'm pleased to present your application to share in the benefits of Alaska's publicly owned resources.

Over \$23 billion has been saved in the Permanent Fund since it was started more than 20 years ago. This program helps Alaska to maintain a stable statewide economy and provides a source of great pride and security for all of us, for our children, and for generations to come.

My family, like yours, has benefited from receiving the Permanent Fund dividend that has been paid annually since 1982. It's money Alaska's families can use to buy important household goods and services or to save for a college education.

Be sure to fill out your application today, and if you know someone who might need help with this application, please lend a hand. The deadline for filing is Tuesday, March 31, 1998.

Sincerely,

Tony Knowles
Governor

P.S. The Knowles Administration is working to make the application process easier and more efficient. If you have questions or comments, please contact the dividend information office nearest you (see page 2 for telephone numbers). And don't forget, the deadline to file is March 31!

Application
Deadline

March 31, 1998

Permanent Fund Dividends

1982	\$1,000.00
1983	\$386.15
1984	\$331.29
1985	\$404.00
1986	\$556.26
1987	\$708.19
1988	\$826.93
1989	\$873.16
1990	\$952.63
1991	\$931.34
1992	\$915.84
1993	\$949.46
1994	\$983.90
1995	\$990.30
1996	\$1130.68
1997	\$1296.54

Alaska Department of Revenue

Your Permanent Fund Dividend Program 1997 Household Application Booklet



P.O. Box 11000
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001
907/465-3500
Fax (907) 465-3522

Dear Alaskan,

One of the best things about being Governor is this chance to send you your application for the Permanent Fund Dividend. It's a unique program that lets all of us share the benefits of our publicly owned resources. I'm especially pleased this year to join other Alaskans in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Permanent Fund. We should all be proud of the \$19 billion we've set aside so far to help keep our economy stable in the days of declining state revenues.

I have asked the folks at the Dividend Division to find better ways to serve you in the years ahead. They are exploring taking applications by computer or telephone, and are considering other streamlining ideas. It's my commitment to make the process easier, more efficient and understandable for everyone. Please note that this booklet also contains a voter registration application. If you need to register or update your voter registration address, please take this opportunity to do so. If you have questions about any part of this booklet, contact the dividend information office nearest you (see Page 2 for telephone numbers).

Our Permanent Fund is one of the most successful public policy programs in the world today. As we mark this special anniversary, let us also reaffirm the commitment of all Alaskans to protect the Fund for future generations.

Sincerely,

Tony Knowles
Governor

15 YEARS OF PERMANENT FUND DIVIDENDS

Year	Amount	Year	Amount
1982	\$1,000.00	1990	.952.63
1983	.386.15	1991	.931.34
1984	.331.29	1992	.915.84
1985	.404.00	1993	.949.46
1986	.556.26	1994	.983.90
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1988	.826.93	1996	.1,130.68
1989	.873.16		

Application Deadline March 31, 1997

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Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend Program

1989 Household Application Booklet

Filing Deadline: June 30, 1989

Applicants are responsible for filing by the deadline.

Dear Alaska Resident:

Here is the form you need to apply for a 1989 Permanent Fund Dividend. These dividends come from a portion of the earnings of the Alaska Permanent Fund. The Permanent Fund was created by the voters in 1976 to save part of the oil revenues for every Alaskan, now and in the future. Permanent Fund Dividends are a direct return to Alaskans from the Permanent Fund which they own.

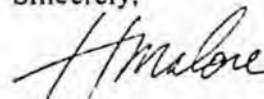
The dividend program has several purposes. The dividends help Alaska's economy. Since the program began in 1982, more than \$2.1 billion has been paid directly to Alaska residents. The dividends give each Alaskan a personal reason to support the Permanent Fund, to make sure that we continue to save for the future. The dividends put the Permanent Fund in the public eye. This "watchdog" effect helps protect the Fund, and is welcomed by the Fund's managers.

The 1988 dividend was \$826.93. The 1989 dividend amount will be announced October 1.

The Department of Revenue is proud to pay dividends each year to qualified Alaskans who apply. Before you apply for the dividend, carefully read the instructions in this booklet. Then answer each question truthfully. Those who are not honest in their answers are prosecuted for fraud.

Alaskans should take pride in the prudence they have shown in creating and maintaining their Permanent Fund. Permanent Fund Dividends are the rewards Alaskans reap every year for their foresight.

Sincerely,



Hugh Malone, Commissioner

Need Help? Contact one of our offices:

JUNEAU - Phone 465-2326
Alaska Department of Revenue
Dividend Information Office
State Office Building, 11th Floor
P.O. Box S-0464
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0464

ANCHORAGE
1016 West 6th Avenue
Phone (907) 276-2678

FAIRBANKS
675 Seventh Avenue
Phone (907) 451-2820

NEED MORE FORMS? You may pick up dividend forms at the Revenue offices listed above. Forms are also available at each Office of the Governor, Legislative Information Office, and city clerk's office. If you prefer to write, please send your request to the Juneau Dividend Information Office.

Ch. L. Linn

Alaska Department of Revenue

Filing Deadline: June 30, 1992

Dear Alaskans:

Under the Alaska Constitution, the natural resources of Alaska belong to the people of Alaska, not to state officials. As such, we have an ownership share in the revenues generated from those natural resources and placed in the Permanent Fund.

Permanent Fund dividends are the way that we, the owners, share in the Permanent Fund's earnings. They are a natural outgrowth of the owner-state.

Dividends give each resident of Alaska a personal reason to guard and to build the Permanent Fund, and to keep watch on how the Fund is managed.

- Since 1982, when the dividends began, over \$3.5 billion has been injected into Alaska's economy. This has created thousands of new jobs and provided many families with income for basic needs. Dividends now add more to our economy than the seafood industry, construction, or the combined effects of agriculture, mining and tourism.
- Since 1982, the typical Alaska family of four has received \$27,880 in dividends.
- The amount of the 1992 dividend will be announced Thursday, October 1, 1992.

Permanent Fund Dividend

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1985	404.00
1986	556.26
1987	708.19
1988	826.93
1989	873.16
1990	952.63
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Before you apply for the dividends, read the instructions in this booklet carefully. If you or someone you know needs help in applying, let us know. Answer each question truthfully. Those who are not honest in their answers are prosecuted for fraud.

Alaskans should take pride in creating and protecting their Permanent Fund. Dividends are the reward Alaskans reap every year for their foresight and vigilance.

Sincerely,


Darrel J. Rexwinkel, Commissioner

Need Help? Perhaps you or someone you know needs help with the dividend application. If so, call or visit the Dividend Information Office which is nearest you between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Persons calling from Fairbanks may call 451-2820.

ANCHORAGE - Phone (907) 276-2678
Alaska Department of Revenue
Dividend Information Office
Corner of 6th and K
1016 West Sixth Avenue, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

JUNEAU - Phone (907) 465-2326
Alaska Department of Revenue
Dividend Information Office
State Office Building, 11th Floor
P.O. Box 110461
Juneau, Alaska 99811

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COPIES

STATE OF ALASKA

TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
P.O. BOX 110017
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-0017
PHONE: (907) 465-4611

October, 1996

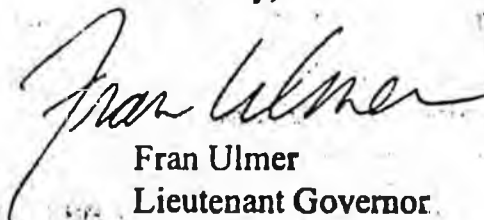
Dear Alaskan Voter,

I am pleased to provide you with the 1996 election pamphlet, your official guide to the November election. The ballot will be very full this year. You will have an opportunity to cast your vote for the president and vice president of the United States; for your U.S. senator and representative, and for the persons you wish to represent you in the state Senate and House of Representatives. In addition, you will find numerous justices and judges seeking retention on the bench, as well as four important ballot measures.

As Lieutenant Governor, and as a mother, I'd like to recommend that you make voting a "family affair" at your house. If you have children, encourage them to learn about the candidates. Discuss the issues with them. They're never too young to learn that voting is both a privilege and a responsibility.

As you read through this pamphlet, take time to notice the photographs depicting Native Alaskan culture. It is appropriate that, as we make our decisions about where future will lead us, we remember where we've been. Native Alaskans are the proud and resilient foundation of Alaska, bringing a wealth of traditions and values to enrich our lives.

Sincerely,



Fran Ulmer
Lieutenant Governor

STATE OF ALASKA

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Capitol Building, 3rd Floor
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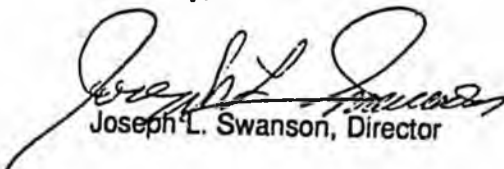
Dear Alaska Voter:

I am pleased to provide you with the 1994 Official Election Pamphlet. It will provide you with biographical and political information about each candidate, profiles and evaluations on the judges, information about the ballot measures and voter services available to you.

This year we are making the Official Election Pamphlet more individualized by providing information pertaining to your election district. The only candidates in this pamphlet are the candidates you will see on the ballot for your district on November 8. You will find your polling place location on the inside back cover of this pamphlet.

The Division of Elections would like to thank Judy Hargis, Publications Technician II, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, for her assistance in the design and preparation of the cover for the 1994 Official Election Pamphlet.

Sincerely,


Joseph L. Swanson, Director

STATEWIDE SUPPORT STAFF

Juneau Location
240 Main Street, 4th Floor
P.O. Box 110017
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0017
(907)465-4611

Anchorage Location
Dimond Center Towers
800 East Dimond Boulevard, Suite 3-570
Anchorage, Alaska 99515
(907)522-3809

REGIONAL OFFICES

Region I Elections Office
240 Main Street, 4th Floor
PO Box 110018
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0018
Phone: (907)465-3021
House Districts 1-6
Senate Seats A-C

Region II Elections Office
800 East Dimond Boulevard,
Suite 3-580
Anchorage, Alaska 99515
Phone: (907)522-8683
House Districts 7-28
Senate Seats D-N

Region III Elections Office
675 7th Avenue, Station H3
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701-4594
(907)451-2835
House Districts 29-36
Senate Seats O-R

Region IV Elections Office
Alaska State Office Building
PO Box 577
Nome, Alaska 99672-0577
(907)443-5285
House Districts 37-40
Senate Seats S-T

STATE OF ALASKA

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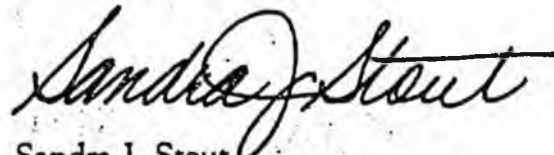
October 1986

Dear Alaskan Voters:

I am pleased to provide you with the 1986 edition of the **Official Election Pamphlet** and hope you will find the information contained in the pamphlet useful when exercising your right to vote in the General Election on November 4, 1986.

In the pamphlet you will find sample ballots, information about each of the ballot measures, the bonding proposition, professional review materials submitted by the Alaska Judicial Council on each judicial retention candidate, maps of districts, a list of polling places and absentee ballot information. In addition, candidates have provided biographical information and personal statements on issues. These pages are written and purchased by the candidates themselves. Those candidates who do not appear in this pamphlet have chosen not to purchase space.

Sincerely,



Sandra J. Stout
Director of Elections

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House Of Representatives

House District 33

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 5, 1998

TO: Representative Jeannette James, Chair
House State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Gene Therriault 

SUBJECT: Scheduling of HB 462

I would like to respectfully request that HB 462, "An Act relating to the contents of certain state documents" be scheduled for a hearing in the House State Affairs Committee.

The bill would prohibit using state money to include a visual image of elected state officials or officials subject to confirmation by the legislature in a state publication or on a state document, except where specifically authorized by state law, such as the directories of state officials and election pamphlets. It would also limit the messages that can be included on application forms, warrants, or direct deposit notices.

I have included with this request a sponsor statement, sectional analysis, three pages of examples of Longevity Bonus letters, four examples of Permanent Fund Dividend Application Booklets, and three examples of Official Election Phamplet introduction letters.

I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Alaska State Legislature

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House of Representatives

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Fiscal note for HB 462 was requested on 3/5/98; not received by 10:00 a.m. 3/11/98.

Per Tom Wright:

We should do the same thing with this as with SB 275 and make it apply to the legislators too. We wouldn't lose anything and would look more statesman-like. And we wouldn't appear to just be picking on the Governor.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 462

Revision Date (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected All departments
 Title An Act relating to the contents of certain BRU _____
state documents. Component _____
 Sponsor House Finance Committee _____
 Requester House State Affairs Committee Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would not have a significant fiscal impact on any state agency.

Received
Thurs 3/12/98
8:40am

Prepared by Jack Kreinheder *Jack Kreinheder* Phone 465-4676
 Division Office of Management and Budget Date 3/5/98
 Approved by Commissioner Jim Ayers, Chief of Staff Date _____
 Agency Office of the Governor *Jim Ayers*

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TO: Barbara Cotting at LAA_TRANS
Subject: Re: fiscal notes

requests are in
fyi: hb 449 and hb 416 will both be from dced

Reply Separator

Subject: fiscal notes
Author: Barbara_Cotting@legis.state.ak.us ("Barbara Cotting") at CC2MHS1
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I have scheduled the following for hearing in State Affairs:

Tuesday, March 10

HB 449, Roth IRA Exemptions Law?
HB 376, Limit Use of Voter Registration Info Elections?

Thursday, March 12

HB 416, Local Exchange Telephone Service Revenue?

Author: Barbara Cotting at LAA_TRANS
Date: 3/5/98 1:35 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: shari_kochman@gov.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
Subject: addition

I just added the following to next week's schedule:

Thursday, March 12

HB 462, Use of state money for images/messages elections?

Author: Barbara Cotting at LAA_TRANS
Date: 3/5/98 1:03 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: shari_kochman@gov.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
Subject: fiscal notes

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