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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/18/98

FURTHER: 3/12/98

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 3/12/98

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 185

"An Act relating to the maintenance of voter lists and to the inactivation and cancellation of voter registration; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

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

- Senate Bill:**
- same title
  - new title
- House Bill:**
- same title
  - technical title
  - new: SCR# \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Paul E. Call</i>	✓	<i>Seamus Parnell</i>	x		
<i>Al Adams</i>	✓	<i>John Ryan</i>	+		
<i>William Boy</i>	✓				
Co-Chair: _____		Co-Chair: _____			
Co-Chair: <i>Bob Thayer</i>	✓	Co-Chair: _____			

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department                      Date              Zero              Fiscal

<i>new fiscal</i>			
<i>note forthcoming</i>			

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

Department                      Date              Zero              Fiscal


APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

# FISCAL NOTE

No. 2  
 Bill Version: SB 185  
 (S) Publish Date: 2/18/98

STATE OF ALASKA  
 1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date 2/11/98 Dept. Affected Office of the Governor  
 Title An Act relating to the maintenance of voter BRU Elective Operations  
 lists  Component Elections  
 Sponsor Rules Committee  
 Requester Senate State Affairs Component Serial No. #21

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services	90.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7
Travel						
Contractual	396.3	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>487.0</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	487.0	41.8	41.8	41.8	41.8	41.8
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>487.0</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: none

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary	8					

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This fiscal note assumes that all registered voters will be sent an address update/confirmation card the first year after passage. It has been six years since the last list maintenance occurred and a statewide mailing will significantly improve the accuracy of the registration rolls.

The fiscal note shows \$90.7 in personal services, anticipating the need for 8 temporary employees (range 8A) for 5 months. An employee can process 150 registrations a day. Temporary employees will also process 246,000 microfilmed records. The fiscal note shows \$396.3 in contractual costs: \$12.0 in advertising, \$139.1 for the printing of the address update/confirmation cards, the ballot notices (required by the NVRA and sent to all voters with mail returned by the USPS) and new voter id cards, \$209.4 in postage costs (NVRA requires that the division pay all postage costs), \$3.3 for increased telephone/fax charges, \$6.5 for microfilming and \$26.0 for VREMS programming changes and increased DIS charges.

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 Division Division of Elections Date 2/11/98  
 Approved by C Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer *Fran Ulmer* Date 2/11/98  
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# FISCAL NOTE

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**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. SB185**

Revision Date ( 3/12/98	Dept. Affected <u>Office of the Governor</u>
Title <u>An Act relating to the maintenance of voter</u>	BRU <u>Elective Operations</u>
lists	Component <u>Elections</u>
Sponsor <u>Rules Committee</u>	
Requester <u>Senate Finance Committee</u>	Component Serial No. <u>#21</u>

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services	56.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7
Travel						
Contractual	206.9	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>263.6</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	263.6	41.8	41.8	41.8	41.8	41.8
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>263.6</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: none

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary	5					

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This fiscal note assumes that registered voters who have not had contact with the division of elections in the preceding two calendar years will be sent an address update/confirmation card. Voter contact includes having voter history in the preceding two calendar years, signing an initiative petition, making changes to a voter registration record, requesting an absentee ballot or responding to notices sent by the division.

The fiscal note shows \$56.7 in personal services, anticipating the need for 5 temporary employees (range 8A) for 5 months. An employee can process 150 registrations a day. Temporary employees will also process over 200,000 microfilmed records. The fiscal note shows \$206.9 in contractual costs primarily for printing the required notices and postage costs. The NVRA requires that the division bear the cost of all postage.

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# FISCAL NOTE

No. 1  
 Bill Version: SB 185  
 (S) Publish Date: 4/22/97

STATE OF ALASKA  
 1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date _____	Dept. Affected _____	Office of the Governor _____
Title <u>Maintenance of voter lists</u>	BRU _____	Elective Operations _____
Sponsor <u>Rules Committee</u>	Component _____	Elections _____
Requester <u>Governor</u>	Component Serial No. _____	#21 _____

**Expenditures/Revenues**

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
Personal Services	90.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7
Travel						
Contractual	456.3	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>547.0</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES [ ]</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE**

(Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	547.0	41.8	41.8	41.8	41.8	41.8
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>547.0</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY97) cost: none

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary	8					

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This fiscal note assumes that all registered voters will be sent an address update/confirmation card the first year after passage. It has been five years since the last list maintenance occurred and a statewide mailing will significantly improve the accuracy of the registration rolls.

The fiscal note shows \$90.7 in personal services, anticipating the need for 8 temporary employees (range 8A) for 5 months. An employee can process 150 registrations a day. Temporary employees will also process 246,000 microfilmed records. The fiscal note shows \$456.3 in contractual costs: \$12.0 in advertising, \$139.1 for the printing of the address update/confirmation cards, the 8d2 notices (required by the NVRA and sent to all voters with mail returned by the USPS) and the new voter id cards, \$269.4 in postage costs (NVRA requires that the division pay all postage costs), \$3.3 for increased telephone/fax charges, \$6.5 for microfilming and \$26.0 for VREMS programming changes and increased DIS charges.

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STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

April 18, 1997

The Honorable Mike Miller  
President of the Senate  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

*Mike*  
Dear President Miller:

Maintaining clean voter registration lists is a critical part of ensuring the integrity of the electoral process. The bill I transmit today establishes a method that allows for annual maintenance of Alaska's voter registration lists as set out in the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

Prior to the 1994 passage of the NVRA, the Division of Elections reviewed the voter registration list annually and inactivated those people from the rolls who had not voted for at least two years. They were then deleted from the rolls four years later if they were never heard from. The NVRA, however, does not allow voter removal based on non-voting alone, without any prior notice.

The state passed legislation in 1996 in an attempt to comply with federal law. But the U.S. Department of Justice ruled the state's voter purge procedure continued to violate the NVRA and authorized the filing of a lawsuit against the state. This bill is offered in response. The Department of Justice has reviewed the bill and has indicated the federal government will drop its lawsuit against the state if it becomes law. Under this legislation, inactive voters will be sent multiple notices with a chance to respond before being removed from voter lists.

This legislation is necessary in order to avoid a costly lawsuit and to improve the accuracy of Alaska's voter registration rolls.

Sincerely,

*Tony Knowles*  
Tony Knowles  
Governor