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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: February 26, 1999

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/26/99

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 45

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

INITIATIVE/REFERENDUM PETITIONS

"An Act relating to initiative and referendum petitions; and providing for an effective date."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute CS HB 45 (FIN) 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) It of Lt Gov 2/26/99
 fiscal note(s) _____ fiscal note(s)

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

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS		DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>[Signature]</i>	Thermon			X	
<i>[Signature]</i>	Murphy	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	Burdick	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	Kubers	X			
<i>[Signature]</i>	Kavanaugh			X	
<i>[Signature]</i>	J. Davis	X			
<i>[Signature]</i>	Grueszinski	X			
<i>[Signature]</i>	Dr. Davis	X			
<i>[Signature]</i>	Williams	X			
<i>[Signature]</i>	Foster	X			

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *[Signature]* *[Signature]*
 Thermon Murphy

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 Sponsor Representative Williams
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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

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Travel						
Contractual	3.0					
Supplies						
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Land & Structures						
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Miscellaneous						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	3.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
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Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: _____

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Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 45(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/26/99

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to initiative and referendum petitions; and providing for an
2 effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 15.45.140 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 15.45.140. Filing of petition. (a) The sponsors must file the initiative
6 petition within one year from the time the sponsors received notice from the lieutenant
7 governor that the petitions were ready for delivery to them. The [, AND THE]
8 petition may be filed with the lieutenant governor only if it meets all of the
9 following requirements: it is [MUST BE] signed by qualified voters

10 (1) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding
11 general election;

12 (2) [AND] resident in at least three-fourths [TWO-THIRDS] of the
13 house [ELECTION] districts of the state; and

14 (3) who, in each of the house districts described in (2) of this

1 subsection, are equal in number to at least 10 percent of those who voted in the
2 preceding general election in the house district.

3 (b) If the petition is not filed within the one year period provided for in (a)
4 of this section, the petition has no force or effect.

5 * Sec. 2. AS 15.45.370 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 15.45.370. Filing of petition. The sponsors may file the petition

7 (1) only within 90 days after the adjournment of the legislative session
8 at which the act was passed; and

9 (2) only if it meets all of the following requirements: it is signed by
10 qualified voters

11 (A) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the
12 preceding general election;

13 (B) [AND] resident in at least three-fourths [TWO-THIRDS]
14 of the election districts of the state; and

15 (C) who, in each of the house districts described in (B) of
16 this paragraph, are equal in number to at least 10 percent of those who
17 voted in the preceding general election in the house district.

18 * Sec. 3. CONDITIONAL EFFECT OF ACT. This Act takes effect only if a constitutional
19 amendment requiring signatures from 10 percent of the qualified voters who voted in the
20 district in the preceding general election in each of three-fourths of the house districts of the
21 state is passed by the legislature and approved by the voters at the 2000 general election.

22 * Sec. 4. If this Act takes effect under sec. 3 of this Act, it takes effect on the effective
23 date of the amendment described in sec. 3 of this Act.

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Sponsor Statement

CS HJR 7 (STA)/CS HB 45 (STA)

HJR 7, and its companion measure HB 45, were introduced to ensure statewide support of an issue prior to it being put before the voters.

The legislation would require signatures from 10% of those who voted in the preceding general election in at least 75% of the house districts for a question to reach the ballot. It also requires signatures from 10% of the total number of voters in the prior election.

Currently, because of our population dispersal, initiative sponsors can easily gather the required signatures from single areas of the State. The current system does not require a statewide perspective in determining which topics will appear on the ballot as amendments to State law.

I am concerned that the whole of Alaska will suffer as question after question, of limited perspective, is placed on the ballot.

I urge your support of this legislation.

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