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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: SB 87  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: OOG  
Title An Act providing absentee ballots BRU Elections  
for voters in remote areas Component Elections  
Sponsor Senator Lincoln  
Requester Senate State Affairs Committee Component No. 21

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	0.0					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</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	0.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type-Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

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Alaina  
Alcan  
Allakaket  
Aniak  
Anvik  
Arctic Village  
Beaver  
Bettles  
Big Delta  
Buck Creek  
Boundary  
Canyon Village  
Central  
Chalkyitsik  
Chenaigah Bay  
Chicken  
Chitochina  
Chitina  
Chitilabuk  
Circle

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senator Robin Taylor, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee

**FM:** Senator Georgianna Lincoln *gml*

**RE:** Committee Hearing for SB 87

**DATE:** February 20, 2002

At your earliest convenience could you please schedule SB 87 for a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB 87 passed from Senate State Affairs yesterday without objection and with a 0 fiscal note. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Sara Boario, who will be working on this legislation.

Coldfoot  
Copper Center  
Copperville  
Cordova  
Crossed Creek  
Delta Junction  
Dot Lake  
Dry Creek  
Eagle  
Eagle Village  
Eganville  
Fort Greely  
Fort Yukon  
Gakona  
Galena  
Georgetown  
Glenallen  
Grading  
Gulkana  
Healy Lake  
Holy Cross  
Hughes  
Huslia  
Kaliq  
Kenny Lake  
Koyukuk  
Lake Minchumie  
Lime Village  
Livengood  
Lower Kalskag  
Manley Hot Springs  
Marshall  
McCurtis  
McGrath  
Melita  
Mendeltna  
Mentana  
Minto  
Nabesna  
Nemana  
Nikilui  
Northway  
Nulato  
Parsen  
Pilot Station  
Rampart  
Red Devil  
Ruby  
Russian Mission  
Shageluk  
Sina  
Sleetmute  
Sleeton Village  
Stony River  
Taketna  
Tukovuk  
Tunna  
Tuntutuliak  
Tulita  
Tuluksat  
Twin  
Tobona  
Tomami  
Tukukuk  
Tyonek  
Upper Kalskag  
Valdez  
Venetie  
Whittier  
Wisnau

**REQUEST FOR  
HEARING**



# STATE OF ALASKA

## OFFICE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR

TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR

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January 22, 2002

The Honorable Georgianna Lincoln  
Senator, Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 11  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Lincoln:

After the first hearing of Senate Bill 87 in the Senate State Affairs Committee, questions arose concerning the term "reasonable." I would like to provide to you with more information about permanent absentee voters.

The permanent absentee voters who would benefit from this bill are uniquely identified within our voter registration system. A voter may only be designated in permanent absentee status by a regional election supervisor. The conditions under which a voter may be designated as such are outlined in 6 AAC 25.650. This regulation has been in place since 1990. The division can assure you that there is no abuse of this system.

Although a voter is designated as a permanent absentee voter, they must complete an absentee by-mail ballot application prior to receiving any ballot. The designation of permanent absentee status alerts the regional election supervisors that these voters must be sent an absentee by-mail application per the schedule set out in 6 AAC 25.650.

Again, thank you for your efforts in promoting this legislation.

Sincerely,



Gail Fenumiai  
Election Administrative Supervisor

INFORMATION  
STATEMENT

# STATE OF ALASKA

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May 4, 2001

The Honorable Georgianna Lincoln  
Senator, Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 11  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

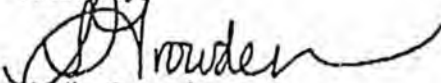
Dear Senator Lincoln:

As the Region III Elections Supervisor, I am responsible for voter registration and election management throughout interior Alaska and Prince William Sound. Your office requested information regarding areas in my jurisdiction that would benefit by the passage of SB 87.

I have over 1,000 voters living in remote areas that have been classified as permanent absentee voting areas. Some of these voters live in areas such as the Kantishna River, Cosna River, Holtna River, Takahula Lake, Inlakuk Lake, Tolovana River, Chandalar Lake, Wien Lake, Flat, Chisana, Healy Lake, and other areas that do not have regular mail service. Without regular mail service, these voters have an extremely hard time exercising their right to vote due to the absentee ballot timeframes established in Alaska law.

Each election cycle I receive requests from voters residing in remote areas to obtain an absentee ballot early because of their limited ability to receive mail. Currently, the division mails ballots approximately three weeks before each election for regular absentee voters. Without regular mail service, many of the voters living in remote areas cannot receive their ballot in time to vote. SB 87 would allow voters living in these remote areas to obtain an advance absentee ballot just like the advance ballot privileges afforded to overseas voters.

Sincerely,



Shelly Growden  
Elections Supervisor, Region III

Ruth M. and Larry F. Coy  
P.O. Box 515  
Nenana, Alaska 99760

Dear Senator Lincoln,

We are writing to you in support of Senate Bill 87. We support this bill because of the fact that Larry chartered a flight in to town to vote on a subject that we considered important. This charter flight cost us \$525.00. Even though what we had voted on did not pass at least we voted on the subject. If there was a 60 day window for absentee ballots instead of the 30 days it would be of considerable help to the bush residents and they would be able to cast their ballots on important issues.

Sincerely,

*Ruth M. and Larry E. Coy*  
Ruth M. and Larry E. Coy

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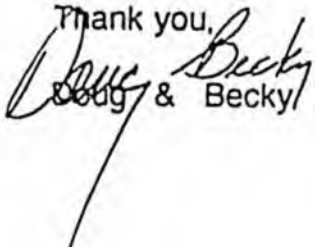
Dear Senator,

Thank you for attending to the legislation that will allow our family to vote in the fall elections.

The issue that started the letter to you on this matter was the presidential election this fall, coupled with a late freeze up. We couldn't get across the Tolovana to Manley Hot Springs (our normal polling place) or across the unfrozen lakes and sloughs to Nenana to vote a question ballot ( I'm not sure if they would have let us vote that way anyhow). We know it has happened to our neighbors up the Kantishna in the past.

It is frustrating to listen to the election returns on the radio knowing you weren't able to participate. By extending the scope of the 60 day overseas absentee ballot many disenfranchised Alaskans living in the bush will be able to exercise their right to vote.

Thank you,

  
Doug & Becky Bowers

# STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR

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February 16, 2001

The Honorable Georgianna Lincoln  
Senator, Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 11  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

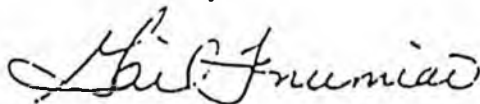
Dear Senator Lincoln:

Thank you for allowing the division to comment on Senate Bill 87. The division supports your efforts in assisting Alaska voters in remote areas of the state to exercise their right to vote.

Senate Bill 87 expands the allowable use of the 60-day special advance ballot to Alaskans in remote locations. This will allow additional time for these voters to receive their ballot.

Thank you for proposing this legislation. We believe it will have a positive impact for voters in Alaska's most remote areas.

Sincerely,



Gail Fenumiai  
Election Programs Specialist