

SB

351

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 2/18/04

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2/26/04
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
 IN TO OFFICE: 3/10/04

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 351

SB 351 APOC REPORTS BY NONELECTRONIC MEANS

"An Act requiring the Alaska Public Offices Commission to accept documents by nonelectronic means."

and recommends:

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

Senate Bill:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title
House Bill:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
DOA	3/1/04		✓		

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>John C. Cooney</i>	✓			
<i>Barbara Stinson</i>			✓	
CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>			✓	

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 351
 () Publish Date: 2/18/2004

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title An Act requiring the Alaska Public Offices RDU Alaska Public Offices Commission
Commission to accept documents Component Alaska Public Offices Commission
 Sponsor Senate Finance
 Requester Senate State Affairs Component No. 70

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies	*					
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	*	*	*	*	*	*

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-Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time	*	*	*	*	*	*
Part-time	*	*	*	*	*	*
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill seeks to reverse mandatory electronic filing as requested by the administration and approved by the legislature in 2003. This bill could have a significant fiscal impact on the Commission in meeting its mission by publishing campaign disclosure information before election day.

It is not known at this time how much of an impact this bill will have. The determining factor will be how many people choose to participate electronically without a legal requirement to do so.

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SB 351 SUPPORTING MATERIAL

SB 351 "An act requiring the Alaska Public Offices Commission to accept documents by nonelectronic means."

Recent changes to the Alaska Statutes have allowed the Alaska Public Offices Commission to accommodate electronic reporting and distribution of information to the public. However, an unintended consequence is that APOC has determined that it will no longer accept filing of Public Official Financial Disclosures, Campaign Disclosures, Lobbyist Reports, and Legislative Financial Disclosures in a format other than electronic. Essentially, the Legislative intent to encourage APOC to develop the ability to accept electronic filing has resulted in an unnecessary obstacle for those members of the public not accustomed to using computers.

APOC is working to provide alternative filing plans for communities that lack reliable internet service but the alternative will likely be that they can just submit their disk, not that they get to continue to use paper forms. No accommodations are being contemplated for those members of the public who wish to continue to file in paper form. Ironically, paper copies of filings will still be available from the office.

SB 351 addresses this problem by broadening the acceptable format for filing of APOC mandatory reports. Specifically, while electronic filing may be encouraged, APOC shall continue to accept paper filing from those who do not want to take advantage of electronic filing opportunities.

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