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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: _____
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title: "An Act relating to qualifications of voters, requirements and procedures regarding independent..." RDU: Elections
 Component: Elections
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requester: Governor Component No: 21

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2006 | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 |
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| 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 |

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
| Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate) | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

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| Full-time | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 This legislation will have no fiscal impact on the Division of Elections

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STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: CSHB 94(JUD)
(H) Publish Date: 4/13/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: GOV
Title: "An Act relating to qualifications of voters, requirements and procedures regarding..." RDU: Elections
Sponsor: House Rules Committee Component: Elections
Requester: House State Affairs Committee Component No: 21

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2006 | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 |
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| Personal Services | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | |
| Contractual | | 16.8 | | 16.8 | | 16.8 |
| Supplies | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 16.8 |

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | 16.8 | | 16.8 | | 16.8 |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
| Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate) | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 16.8 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0
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| Full-time | | | | | | |
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
Current law requires the Division to send written verification to voters in the affected precinct when a polling place change occurs. If passed as amended, this legislation would require the Division to provide notice of change by publication in a local newspaper of general circulation, in addition to the written notice currently mailed. The cost of the additional notice in a newspaper is estimated at 19.0 for publishing polling place locations prior to a primary and general election.

Current law requires the Division to provide notice of a precinct boundary change by publication on three different days in a local newspaper. If passed as amended, this legislation would reduce the number of days a precinct boundary change is published in a local newspaper from three days to one day. Reducing the notice to one publication is estimated to save the Division 2.2. A total of 16.8 will need to be added to the Division's Primary and General budget in future years.

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STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 3
Bill Version: CSHB 94(FIN)
(H) Publish Date: 4/21/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: GOV
Title: "An Act relating to qualification of voters, requirements and procedures regarding ..." RDU: Elections
Sponsor: House Rules Committee Component: Elections
Requester: House Judiciary Component No.: 21

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2006 | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 |
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| Personal Services | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | |
| Contractual | | 24.8 | | 24.8 | | 24.8 |
| Supplies | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 24.8 | 0.0 | 24.8 | 0.0 | 24.8 |

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | 24.8 | | 24.8 | | 24.8 |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
| Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate) | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 24.8 | 0.0 | 24.8 | 0.0 | 24.8 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

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FISCAL NOTE #3

**STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. CSHB 94(FIN)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

This proposed amendment requires the Division to perform a hand count verification of ballots from a randomly selected precinct in each election district that accounts for at least five percent of the ballots cast in that district. The Division estimates an increased cost in personal services for hiring additional State Review Board workers to conduct the recount. The estimated cost of 3.5 for implementing this change would need to be added as an increment to our Primary and General Election budget in future years.

This proposed amendment requires the Division to include a notice on our absentee envelope that false statements made by the voter, attesting official or witness on the certificate, are punishable by law. The Division estimates a cost of 4.5 for replacing existing stock of envelopes for the inclusion of this statement.

SCS SCHB94(STA) ELECTIONS

- **Page 7, line 20** removed "oath", inserted "attestation" in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act (we cannot require an oath on a voter registration application)

- **Page 13, line 20** removed January 1, inserted June 1
Allow more time to designate early voting locations (best sites, while ensuring there will be sufficient ballots ordered, election workers trained, and supplies available to have an effective voting site)

- **Page 18, line 15** removed the last sentence

Removed language added on the floor of the other body that is inconsistent with current state law. The other body added language that

If an unaffiliated voter failed to mark a primary ballot choice on their absentee ballot application, the Division would send a ballot with the "greatest range of candidates from the most parties."

Current law does not allow for an "open ballot." The ballot scenario in 2004 was not consistent with current law – it was as a result of a court order.

- **Removed old section 57** --- would have changed the definition of Party from the 3% to 2% of vote (**see attached**)

Deleted a section that redefined recognized political status. As a result, current law, which passed the Legislature after a great deal of work (and a conference committee) will stand.

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SCS SCHB94(STA) ELECTIONS

PARTY BUILDING

- **Pages 9, 10, 11 - New sections 11, 12, 13**
Defines party building
 - 527s using unlimited funds from unlimited sources to impact campaigns and elections
 - Definition allows parties to continue efforts but does so in a way that maintains the protections against otherwise prohibited entities and funding sources from influencing elections.
 - Party building activities are NOT express or electioneering communications --- Parties cannot use these funds to put ads up on television, radio, or in print to sway voters.
 - Party building does allow those things that makes parties stronger - registration, organization, and otherwise exist and operate prior to elections.
 - Allowing parties to use soft money to register voters and organize precincts, districts, and regions during non-campaign periods between elections, it results in better voter turnout.
 - The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act prohibits State parties from using these funds at all during the 120 days before our general election in November.
 - In addition during the 600 days prior to that, every expenditure by the state parties has to be financed by a certain percentage of federal dollars (hard money).
- **Between the negative definition of party-building and the federal law (BCRA) soft money will not be allowed to influence the nomination or election of candidates.**
- **Alaska Supreme Court upheld APOC's authority to require disclosure of soft money in *Libertarian Party of Alaska, Inc. v. State*, 101 P3d 616.**
- **Goal is to increase grass roots efforts that increase voter turnout like we saw in 2004. Eminently preferable to allowing 527s to focus on their narrow, special-interest aims at the electorate - they are not accountable and suffer no consequences when things get ugly.**