

**SB**

**213**

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SENATOR PETER A. MICCICHE

### MEMORANDUM

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*Fox River*  
*Fritz Creek*  
*Funny River*  
*Halibut Cove*  
*Happy Valley*  
*Homer*  
*Kachemak City*  
*Kachemak Selo*  
*Kalifornsky*  
*Kasilof*  
*Kenai*  
*Nikolaevsk*  
*Ninilchik*  
*Razdolna*  
*Ridgeway*  
*Seldovia*  
*Soldotna*  
*Voznesenka*

TO: Representatives LeDoux and Nageak

House Community and Regional Affairs Committee Co-Chairs

FR: Senator Peter Micciche

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PM", is written over the text "Senator Peter Micciche".

DA: April 14, 2014

RE: Scheduling SB 213 For House CRA Committee

“An Act relating to the appointment of municipal election boards”

The bill has not been amended and has a zero fiscal note.

I respectfully request the scheduling of SB 213 for the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Semmens at 465-4899.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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## Sponsor Statement

### SB 213

#### **An Act relating to the appointment of municipal election boards**

Statutes governing municipal elections currently require the appropriate governing body to appoint election boards for each precinct in every election. However, as technology advances, methods of submitting ballots are changing. For example, ballots may be submitted by mail or electronic transmission. Elections not involving in-person voting do not need election boards as there are no polling places except for an absentee precinct. The requirement of the appointment of an election board for each precinct is costly and not necessary for such elections.

The language in Section 1 is revised to be consistent with the new language proposed in AS 29.26.010(b) which is contained in Section 2. This clarifies that election boards are only required for elections and precincts in which voters cast ballots in person.

Please join me in helping give our local governments that choose to implement elections by mail the ability to avoid the unnecessary cost of appointing elections boards.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 213  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier: SB213-OOG-DOE-3-16-14  
Title: MUNICIPAL ELECTION BOARDS  
Sponsor: COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS  
Requester: Senate Community and Regional Affairs

Department: Office of the Governor  
Appropriation: Elections  
Allocation: Elections  
OMB Component Number: 21

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

|                               | FY2015                  | Included in               | Out-Year Cost Estimates |            |            |            |            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | Appropriation Requested | Governor's FY2015 Request | FY 2016                 | FY 2017    | FY 2018    | FY 2019    | FY 2020    |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>FY 2015</b>          | <b>FY 2015</b>            |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Personal Services             |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Travel                        |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Services                      |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Commodities                   |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Capital Outlay                |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Grants & Benefits             |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| 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>0.0</b> |

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <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> | <b>0.0</b> |

## Positions

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

## Change in Revenues

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|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **No**  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version.

|              |                                                             |        |                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Prepared By: | Gail Fenumiai, Director                                     | Phone: | (907)465-2644       |
| Division:    | Division of Elections                                       | Date:  | 03/16/2014 07:45 AM |
| Approved By: | Guy Bell, Administrative Director                           | Date:  | 03/16/14            |
| Agency:      | Division of Administrative Services, Office of the Governor |        |                     |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 213

**Analysis**

This bill has no fiscal impact on the division.

Section 1 states that if a municipal election is conducted in the manner in which voters cast ballots at a polling place, the board is appointed by the appropriate municipality.

Section 2 states that if a governing body chooses to conduct their elections in a manner in which voters cast their ballots at a polling place, then they would be required to have a board made up of at least 3 judges per precinct.



**ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION AMENDING  
TITLE 15 AND TITLE 29 TO FACILITATE THE CONDUCT OF BY-MAIL  
ELECTIONS BY MUNICIPALITIES.**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Statute Title 15.10.120(f) and Alaska Statute Title 29.26.010(a) require municipalities to appoint election boards for each precinct in a municipal election, and

**WHEREAS**, an election conducted by-mail does not employ polling places and associated election boards, but requires a ballot to be mailed to each registered voter, and,

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes do not allow the flexibility for municipalities to conduct elections by-mail without also setting up election boards for each precinct, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing interest in some municipalities to conduct elections "by-mail,"

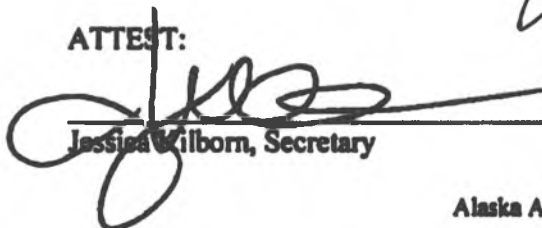
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS:** that the State of Alaska Legislature is urged to introduce changes to Alaska Statute Title 15 and Title 29 that would facilitate local governments to conduct elections by-mail, if they so choose.

Effective Date of Resolution. This resolution will be effective March 17, 2014.

ENACTED this 17th Day of March 2014.

  
Janey Hovenden, AAMC President

ATTEST:

  
Jessica Wilborn, Secretary



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