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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/14/15

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: _____

Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 9

SB 9 ELECTION PAMPHLETS

"An Act repealing the authority to include certain material from a political party in the election pamphlet."

and recommends:

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

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
EED	MVA
DEC	DNR
DFG	DPS
GOV	REV
DHS	DOT
AJS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
Gov			✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	MICCICNE	✓			
	BISHOP	✓			
	DUNLAVY			✓	
	OLSON			✓	
	Hoffman	✓			
CO-CHAIR:					
CO-CHAIR:	MacKinnon	✓			

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	SB 9
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(S) Publish Date:	4/14/2015

Identifier: SB009-OOG-DOE-2-23-15
 Title: ELECTION PAMPHLETS
 Sponsor: MICCICHE
 Requester: Senate State 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)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) 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? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Approved By:	Guy Bell, Administrative Director	Date:	02/23/15
Agency:	Office of the Governor		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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Analysis

The bill repeals state law allowing political parties to purchase up to two pages in the Official Election Pamphlet. This has no fiscal impact on the division.

Senator Peter A. Micciche

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SB 9 SPONSOR STATEMENT

An Act repealing the authority to include certain material from a political party in the election pamphlet

Senate Bill 9 amends Title 15 *Elections* regulating the content of election pamphlets, and repeals the authority to include advertising from a political party in the publicly funded election pamphlet. The election pamphlet produced by the Division of Elections is intended to provide information about candidates, initiatives and judges to help voters be knowledgeable about matters that will be on their election ballot.

The Division of Elections reports that the revenue generated by political party submissions was \$2,400 in the last election pamphlet, less than 1% of the cost of producing and mailing the document. Every election cycle voters are bombarded with political mailings, flyers, and radio and television advertisements. The publicly funded election pamphlet should not be a platform for political advertising, but a source of free, unbiased, in-depth information about current officials, candidates, issues, and legislation.

Senate Bill 9 will help keep the election pamphlet as informative as possible and will prohibit advertising by political parties.

Senate Bill 9 - Repealed Statutory Language

An Act repealing the authority to include certain material from a political party in the election pamphlet

AS 15.58.020. Contents of Pamphlet.

- (a) Each general election pamphlet must contain
- (1) photographs and campaign statements submitted by eligible candidates for elective office in the region;
 - (2) information and recommendations filed under AS 15.58.050 on judicial officers subject to a retention election in the region;
 - (3) a map of the house district or districts of the region;
 - (4) sample ballots for house districts of the region;
 - (5) an absentee ballot application;
 - (6) for each ballot proposition submitted to the voters by initiative or referendum petition or by the legislature,
 - (A) the full text of the proposition specifying constitutional or statutory provisions proposed to be affected;
 - (B) the ballot title and the summary of the proposition prepared by the director or by the lieutenant governor;
 - (C) a statement of the costs to the state of implementing the law proposed in an initiative, or of voter approval or rejection of the act that is the subject of a referendum;
 - (D) a neutral summary of the proposition prepared by the Legislative Affairs Agency;
 - (E) statements submitted that advocate voter approval or rejection of the proposition not to exceed 500 words;
 - (7) for each bond question, a statement of the scope of each project as it appears in the bond authorization;
 - ~~(8) a maximum of two pages of material submitted by each political party;~~
 - (9) additional information on voting procedures that the lieutenant governor considers necessary;
 - (10) for the question whether a constitutional convention shall be called,
 - (A) a full statement of the question placed on the ballot;
 - (B) statements not to exceed 500 words that advocate voter approval or rejection of the question;
 - (11) under AS 37.13.170 , the Alaska permanent fund annual income statement and balance sheet for the two fiscal years preceding the publication of the election pamphlet.
 - (12) under AS 15.10.090 , notice of
 - (A) the establishment or abolition of a precinct;
 - (B) the designation, abolition, or modification of precinct boundaries; and
 - (C) a change in the location of a polling place.
- (b) Each primary election pamphlet shall contain only the information specified in (a)(6) and (a)(9) of this section for each ballot measure scheduled to appear on the primary election ballot.

AS 15.58.040. Material to Be Filed By Political Parties.

~~(a)~~ No later than July 15 of a year in which a state general election will be held, a political party may file with the lieutenant governor a maximum of two pages of material.

~~(b)~~ Each page purchased must be clearly identified with the words "paid for by" followed by the name of the political party, the name of the state chairperson of the party, and the name of the party treasurer.

AS 15.58.060. Charges For Space in Pamphlet.

(a) Each general election candidate shall pay to the lieutenant governor at the time of filing material under this chapter the following:

(1) President or Vice-President of the United States, United States senator, United States representative, governor, lieutenant governor, supreme court justice, and court of appeals judge, \$300 each;

(2) superior court judge and district court judge, \$150 each;

(3) state senator and state representative, \$100 each.

~~(b)~~ The state chair or executive committee of a political party shall pay to the lieutenant governor at the time of filing material under this chapter \$600 for each page purchased.

(c) There is no charge for statements and recommendations submitted by the judicial council or for statements advocating approval or rejection of a proposition submitted to the voters for approval.

Chuck Kopp

From: Fenumiai, Gail M (GOV) <gail.fenumiai@alaska.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 9:19 AM
To: Chuck Kopp
Subject: RE: Senate Bill 9 Inquiry

The division received \$2400 for the four party political party pages that were printed in the 2014 Official Election Pamphlet.

The total cost of the 2014 Official Election Pamphlet was \$256,090 (printing \$ 194,479; \$48,403 postage; \$4,135 travel; \$9,073 temp staff assistant).

Gail Fenumiai

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Subject: FW: Senate Bill 9 Inquiry

Good Morning,

Please see below.

Thank you,

Heather Kestel

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From: Chuck Kopp [<mailto:Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov>]
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 9:04 AM
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Cc: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Senate Bill 9 Inquiry

Good morning!

I was not sure who to direct this inquiry to, I hope I am OK contacting you all. Sen. Micciche has filed SB 9 which repeals the authority to include certain material (political advertising) from a political party in the election pamphlet. We heard from the previous Director of Elections that the revenue generated by political party submissions was \$2,400 in the last election pamphlet which was less than 1% of the cost of producing and making the document. Can you verify this for us? Thank you very much.

Chuck