

**SB**

**9**

<TARGET><BILL>SB 9</BILL><SUBJECT>SB  
9</SUBJECT><COMM>SSTA29</COMM></TARGET>

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT  
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 1/21/15

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2/19/15  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4/14/2015

State Affairs 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
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
GOV			✓	1

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

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
	Coghill	✓			
	Huggins	✓			
	McGuire	✓			
	Wielechowshi			✓	
	Stoltze			✓	
CHAIR:					

# Senate 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 repeals the authority to include advertising from a political party in the 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 election pamphlet should not be a platform for political advertising. The revenue generated by political party submissions was \$2400 in the last election pamphlet which is less than 1% of the cost of producing and mailing the document.

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

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February 24, 2014  
Bill Packet Information

### **HJR 13    RETAIN ARMY FORCES IN ALASKA**

- Sponsor Statement
- CS(MLV) Explanation of Changes
- HJR 13 (MLV) ver E
- Fiscal Note LEG-SESS 2-9-2015

February 26, 2014  
Bill Packet Information

### **SB 9    ELECTION PAMPHLETS**

- Sponsor Statement
- SB 9 ver A
- Fiscal Note OOG-DOE 2-23-15
- Supporting Documents
  - Repealed Language
  - Elections Income from Political Ads

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April 14, 2015  
Bill Packet Information

### **SB 58 TRANSPORT NETWORK SVES. & WORKERS COMP**

*<Previously Scheduled but Not Heard on 4/2/2015>*

- Sponsor Statement
- **Workdraft CS(STA) for SB 58 - Version P**
- Sectional Analysis - Version N
- SB 58 CS(L&C) - Version N
- SB 58 Version A - Initial Version
- Supporting Documents:
  - Letter Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce 2-19-15
  - MOA Bus Service Change Proposal - 2015
- Fiscal Notes:
  - #1 - DOA-DMV 4-10-15 (Zero)
  - #2 - DOLWD-WC 2-27-15 (Zero)

### **SB 89 PARENT RIGHTS: EDUCATION; SCHOOL ABSENCE**

*<Previously Scheduled but Not Heard on 4/9/2015>*

- Sponsor Statement
- Explanation of Changes from (S)EDC to (S)STA Workdraft
- **Workdraft CS(STA) for SB 58 - Version G**
- Sectional Summary by Legal Services - Version I
- CS for SB 89(EDC) - Version I
- SB 89 - Initial Version
- Supporting Documents:
  - Emails of Support to SSTA from 4/8 to 4/13 (37)
  - Emails of Opposition to SSTA from 4/8 to 4/13 (66)
  - Emails of Support to SEDC Committee (19)
  - Emails of *Support & Opposition* from SEDC Committee (104)
- \* Fiscal Note:
  - EED-SSA 4-10-15 (Zero)

**SB 74      MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES**

*<Previously Scheduled & Heard on 4/13/2015>*

**No additional documents at this time**

**SB 67      PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Governor's Transmittal Letter 3-3-15
- Sectional Analysis by Department of Administration
- SB 67 version A
- Supporting Documents:
  - FAQ Sheet: Roth 457
  - DOA Press Release 3-12-15
- Fiscal Note:
  - #1 - DOA-DRB 2-17-15 (Zero)

**SB 9      ELECTION PAMPHLETS**

*<Previously Scheduled & Heard on 2/26/2015>*

**No additional documents at this time**

*<Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled>*

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 9  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2016 Request	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2016</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							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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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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Division: Division of Elections  
Approved By: Guy Bell, Administrative Director  
Agency: Office of the Governor

Phone: (907)465-2644  
Date: 02/23/2015 09:28 AM  
Date: 02/23/15

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 9

**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.

# 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

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**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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**From:** Elections, Division of (GOV sponsored)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 9:08 AM  
**To:** Fenumiai, Gail M (GOV)  
**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  
**To:** Elections, Division of (GOV sponsored)  
**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