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registration except to the extent that a party was reasonably unable to respond

Sec. 25.25.609. PROCEDURE TO REGISTER CHILD SUPPORT ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE FOR MODIFICATION. If a party or the child support enforcement agency seeking to modify, or to modify and enforce, a child support order issued in another state but not registered in this state, the party or agency shall register that order in this state in the same manner provided in AS 25.25.601 - 25.25.604. A complaint for modification may be filed at the same time as a request for registration, or later. The pleading must specify the grounds for modification.

Sec. 25.25.610. EFFECT OF REGISTRATION FOR MODIFICATION. A tribunal of this state may enforce a child support order of another state registered for purposes of modification in the same manner as if the order had been issued by a tribunal of this state, but the registered order may be modified only if the requirements of AS 25.25.611 have been met.

Sec. 25.25.611. MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE. (a) After a child support order issued in another state has been registered in this state, the tribunal of this state may modify that order only if, after notice and hearing, it finds that

(1) the following requirements are met:

(A) the child, the individual obligee, and the obligor do not reside in the issuing state;

(B) a petitioner who is not a resident of this state seeks modification; and

(C) the respondent is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the tribunal of this state; or

(2) an individual party or the child is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the tribunal and all of the individual parties have filed a written consent in the issuing tribunal providing that a tribunal of this state may modify the support order and assume continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the order.

(b) Modification of a registered child support order is subject to the same requirements, procedures, and defenses that apply to the modification of an order issued by a tribunal of this state and the order may be enforced and satisfied in the

1 same manner.

2 (c) A tribunal of this state may not modify any aspect of a child support order
3 that may not be modified under the law of the issuing state.

4 (d) On issuance of an order modifying a child support order issued in another
5 state, a tribunal of this state becomes the tribunal of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.

6 (e) Within 30 days after issuance of a modified child support order, the party
7 obtaining the modification shall file a certified copy of the order with the issuing
8 tribunal that had continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the earlier order and in each
9 tribunal in which the party knows that an earlier order has been registered.

10 Sec. 25.25.612. RECOGNITION OF ORDER MODIFIED IN ANOTHER
11 STATE. A tribunal of this state shall recognize a modification of its earlier child
12 support order by a tribunal of another state that assumed jurisdiction under a law
13 substantially similar to this chapter and, upon request, except as otherwise provided
14 in this chapter, shall

15 (1) enforce the order that was modified only as to amounts accruing
16 before the modification;

17 (2) enforce only nonmodifiable aspects of that order;

18 (3) provide other appropriate relief only for violations of that order that
19 occurred before the effective date of the modification; and

20 (4) recognize the modifying order of the other state, upon registration,
21 for the purpose of enforcement.

22 ARTICLE 7. DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE.

23 Sec. 25.25.701. PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE. (a) The
24 child support enforcement agency of this state may serve as an initiating tribunal and
25 the superior court of this state may serve as an initiating or responding tribunal in a
26 proceeding brought under this chapter or a law substantially similar to this chapter, the
27 former provisions of this chapter, the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act,
28 or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act to determine whether
29 the petitioner is a parent of a particular child or to determine whether a respondent is
30 a parent of that child.

31 (b) In a proceeding to determine parentage, a responding court of this state

1 shall apply the procedural and substantive law of this state and the rules of this state
2 on choice of law.

3 ARTICLE 8. INTERSTATE RENDITION.

4 Sec. 25.25.801. GROUNDS FOR RENDITION. (a) The governor or a
5 designee of the governor may

6 (1) demand that the governor of another state surrender an individual
7 found in the other state who is charged criminally in this state with having failed to
8 provide for the support of an obligee; or

9 (2) on the demand by the governor of another state, surrender an
10 individual found in this state who is charged criminally in the other state with having
11 failed to provide for the support of an obligee.

12 (b) A provision for extradition of individuals not inconsistent with this chapter
13 applies to the demand even if the individual whose surrender is demanded was not in
14 the demanding state when the crime was allegedly committed and has not fled from
15 that state.

16 Sec. 25.25.802. CONDITIONS OF RENDITION. (a) Before making demand
17 that the governor of another state surrender an individual charged criminally in this
18 state with having failed to provide for the support of an obligee, the governor of this
19 state or the designee of the governor may require a prosecutor of this state to
20 demonstrate that the obligee had initiated proceedings for support under this chapter
21 at least 60 days previously or that the proceeding would be of no avail.

22 (b) If, under this chapter or a law substantially similar to this chapter, the
23 former provisions of this chapter, the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act,
24 or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the governor of
25 another state makes a demand that the governor of this state surrender an individual
26 charged criminally in that state with having failed to provide for the support of a child
27 or other individual to whom a duty of support is owed, the governor or a designee of
28 the governor may require a prosecutor to investigate the demand and report whether
29 a proceeding for support has been initiated or would be effective. If it appears that a
30 proceeding would be effective but has not been initiated, the governor or designee may
31 delay honoring the demand for a reasonable time to permit the initiation of a

1 proceeding.

2 (c) If a proceeding for support has been initiated and the individual whose
3 rendition is demanded prevails, the governor or the designee of the governor may
4 decline to honor the demand. If the petitioner prevails and the individual whose
5 rendition is demanded is subject to a support order, the governor or designee may
6 decline to honor the demand if the individual is complying with the support order.

7 ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

8 Sec. 25.25.901. UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION.

9 This chapter shall be applied and construed to effectuate its general purpose to make
10 uniform the law with respect to the subject of this chapter among states enacting it.

11 Sec. 25.25.902. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Under AS 01.10.030, if a
12 provision of this chapter or its application to a person or circumstance is held invalid,
13 the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter that can
14 be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

15 Sec. 25.25.903. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the Uniform
16 Interstate Family Support Act.

17 * Sec. 4. AS 25.27.020(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) The agency shall

19 (1) seek enforcement of child support orders of the superior courts of
20 the state in other jurisdictions and shall obtain, enforce, and administer the orders in
21 this state;

22 (2) adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including
23 regulations that establish

24 (A) schedules for determining the amount an obligor is liable
25 to contribute toward the support of an obligee under this chapter and under 42
26 U.S.C. 651 - 669 (Title IV-D, Social Security Act);

27 (B) procedures for hearings conducted under AS 25.27.170; and

28 (C) subject to AS 25.27.025 and to federal law, a uniform rate
29 of interest on arrearages of support that shall be charged the obligor upon
30 notice if child support payments are 10 or more days overdue or if payment is
31 made by a check backed by insufficient funds; however, an obligor may not be

1 charged interest on late payment of a child support obligation, other than a
2 payment on arrearages, if the obligor is

3 (i) employed and income is being withheld from the
4 obligor's wages under an income withholding order;

5 (ii) receiving unemployment compensation and child
6 support obligations are being withheld from the obligor's unemployment
7 payments under AS 23.20.401; or

8 (iii) receiving compensation for disabilities under
9 AS 23.30 and child support obligations are being withheld from the
10 obligor's compensation payments;

11 (3) administer and enforce AS 25.25 (Uniform Interstate Family
12 [RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF] Support Act);

13 (4) establish, enforce, and administer child support obligations
14 administratively under this chapter;

15 (5) administer the state plan required under 42 U.S.C. 651 - 669 (Title
16 IV-D, Social Security Act) as amended;

17 (6) disburse support payments collected by the agency to the obligee,
18 together with interest charged under (2)(C) of this subsection;

19 (7) establish and enforce administratively under this chapter, or through
20 the superior courts of the state, child support orders from other jurisdictions pertaining
21 to obligors within the state;

22 (8) enforce and administer spousal support orders if a spousal support
23 obligation has been established with respect to the spouse and if the support obligation
24 established with respect to the child of that spouse is also being administered; and

25 (9) obtain a medical support order as part of a child support order if
26 health care coverage is available to the obligor at a reasonable cost.

27 * Sec. 5. AS 25.25.010, 25.25.020, 25.25.030, 25.25.040, 25.25.050, 25.25.060, 25.25.070,
28 25.25.080, 25.25.090, 25.25.100, 25.25.110, 25.25.120, 25.25.130, 25.25.140, 25.25.150,
29 25.25.160, 25.25.170, 25.25.171, 25.25.173, 25.25.175, 25.25.180, 25.25.190, 25.25.200,
30 25.25.210, 25.25.220, 25.25.230, 25.25.240, 25.25.250, 25.25.252, 25.25.254, 25.25.256,
31 25.25.258, 25.25.260, and 25.25.270 are repealed.

1 * Sec. 6. AS 25.25.313(a), added by sec. 3 of this Act, has the effect of amending Alaska
2 Rule of Administration 9, by requiring the waiver of filing fees and other costs under certain
3 circumstances.

4 * Sec. 7. AS 25.25.313(b), added by sec. 3 of this Act, has the effect of amending Alaska
5 Rules of Civil Procedure 79 and 82, by requiring the court to award costs and attorney fees
6 under certain circumstances.

7 * Sec. 8. AS 25.25.313(a) and 25.25.313(b), respectively, added by sec. 3 of this Act, take
8 effect January 1, 1995, only if secs 6 and 7 of this Act, respectively, receive the two-thirds
9 majority vote of each house required by art. IV, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska.

10 * Sec. 9. This Act takes effect January 1, 1995.



Senate Committee On State Affairs

Rod Morant - X 2302

(SB302)

Family Support act

March 23rd

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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

February 11, 1994

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The Honorable Rick Halford
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to voter eligibility, voter registration, and voter registration agencies. The bill implements 42 U.S.C. 1933gg and the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). The state must implement the NVRA by January 1, 1995. Although the NVRA sets out requirements for voter registration only for elections for federal office, it is not practical from a fiscal standpoint to maintain registration requirements and lists for elections for federal office that are different from those for state and local offices. The bill that I am transmitting today amends the registration requirements for elections for state and local offices, as well as for federal offices. The bill also makes necessary technical amendments to state voting laws.

Section 2 of the bill amends AS 15.05.020(10) to permit a voter to advise the director of elections of a change of address in writing, without having to execute an affidavit on a form provided by the director. This complies with sec. 5(d) of the NVRA, which requires states to allow a change of address form for a driver's license to serve as a change of address form for voter registration. Under AS 28.05.071, no affidavit or notarization is needed for a driver's licensee's written notification to the Department of Public Safety of a change of address.

Section 3 of the bill amends AS 15.05.030(a) to provide for cancellation of voter registration of persons convicted of felonies involving moral turpitude under federal law. The existing statute provides for cancellation of voter registration of persons convicted of those felonies under state law. The NVRA requires the United States attorney to give the state notice when a person is convicted of a felony in a United States district court. Although cancellation of voter registration of persons convicted of federal felonies is not required by the NVRA, inclusion of this provision is consistent with and advances the policies of AS 15.05.030(a).

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Section 4 of the bill amends AS 15.07.050 to permit registration in person through voter registration agencies, which are designated in sec. 5 of the bill.

Section 5 of the bill designates specific state agencies as voter registration agencies that will provide voter registration materials and assistance. Under sec. 7 of the NVRA, the state must designate public assistance agencies and other state-funded agencies that primarily provide services to persons with disabilities to serve as voter registration agencies. The Conference Report on the NVRA explains that "public assistance agencies" is intended to include state agencies "that administer or provide services under the food stamp; Medicaid; the Women, Infants and Children (WIC); and the aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) programs."

The NVRA requires the state to designate other agencies as voter registration agencies. The division of motor vehicles, which already provides voter registration assistance, is designated as a voter registration agency by sec. 5 of the bill. Also designated is the division in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs that is responsible for municipal and regional assistance programs (currently, that is the division of municipal and regional assistance). Because employees of that division visit each of Alaska's rural communities at least once during each election cycle and provide bilingual information in the villages when needed, designation of this division assures availability of registration opportunities to Alaska's Native rural residents. The bill also designates United States armed forces recruitment offices, which are required by the NVRA to provide registration assistance. The bill requires the director of elections to designate agencies that provide assistance to persons with disabilities, and allows the director of elections to designate other state, local, federal, and nongovernmental offices as voter registration agencies. Section 13 of the bill provides a definition of "voter registration agency" for AS 15.

Section 6 of the bill amends AS 15.07.064(e) by repealing a provision that allows the director to consider whether the application of a resident of a single-precinct municipality or established village was witnessed by two voters already registered in the area. This conforms that statute to sec. 9(b)(3) of the NVRA, which prohibits "any requirement for notarization or other formal authentication" of mail voter registration forms.

Section 7 of the bill amends AS 15.07.070 to provide the director of elections with specific authority to adopt regulations to implement requirements of federal law, including the NVRA. The bill also amends existing AS 15.07.070 to include voter registration agencies as agencies that must provide mail voter registration forms and in-person registration. Existing AS 15.07.070(b) is amended to remove notarization

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and formal authentication requirements from the mail registration procedure. Such requirements are prohibited by sec. 3(b)(3) of the NVRA. The bill amends existing AS 15.07.070(c) to provide that the names of persons submitting mail registration forms that are postmarked at least 50 days before an election will be placed on the official registration list for that election, as required by sec. 8(a)(1)(B) of the NVRA. Based on the experience of the division of elections that many mail registration forms arrive without legible, dated postmarks, existing AS 15.07.070(c) also is amended to provide that those registrations will be considered timely if they are both executed at least 30 days before the election and received by the director or election supervisor by mail at least 25 days before the election.

Sections 8, 9, 10, and 12 of the bill amend Alaska law to comply with the requirements of the NVRA regarding maintenance of voter registration lists. AS 15.07.130 and AS 15.15.198 are amended by secs. 10 and 12 of the bill, respectively, to ensure that the content of the notice sent to a voter complies with the NVRA and to provide that the voter's registration is only "inactivated," and the voter's name is to be maintained on the master register, if the voter fails to respond to the notice. The deadline for a voter's response to the notice is extended to 30 days before the next primary election. If the voter does not respond to the notice by the deadline, he or she may still vote a questioned or absentee ballot. The questioned ballot procedure required by AS 15.15.198 and the information required for an absentee ballot provide for the "affirmation or confirmation" of the voter's address allowed under the NVRA when a voter does not respond to a notice to confirm address. The amendments to AS 15.07.130 provide that the voter's name will be removed from the master register only if the voter does not respond to the notice and does not vote during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the second general election for federal office that occurs after the date of the notice. The bill retains AS 15.07.130(c)'s existing provision that the registration of deceased voters is to be cancelled. Section 3 of the bill amends AS 15.07.090(b) to remove reference to cancellation of voter registration for failure to vote. Because inactive voter registrations will now appear on the master register, sec. 9 of the bill amends AS 15.07.125 to accurately describe which voter names are to be included on the official registration list, from which the precinct registers are prepared.

Section 11 of the bill designates the director of elections as the state official responsible for coordination of state responsibilities under the NVRA, as required by sec. 10 of the NVRA.

Section 14 of the bill amends AS 28.05.045 to provide for simultaneous application for voter registration and licenses, identifications, and registrations issued by the Department of Public Safety, division of motor vehicles.

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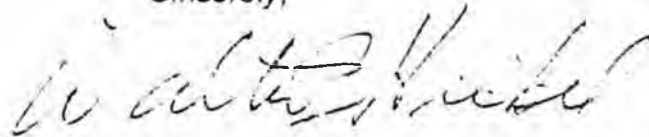
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Sections 15 and 16 of the bill make conforming amendments to the statutes setting out duties for the Department of Health and Social Services, and the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, to acknowledge the new voter registration agency responsibilities assigned by proposed AS 15.07.055 and the NVRA.

Sections 17 and 18 of the bill would allow the director of elections to proceed to adopt needed regulations, which would take effect at the same time that secs. 1 - 16 of the bill take effect.

I urge the legislature's expeditious consideration and passage of this important bill to conform Alaska's voter registration laws with federal law.

Sincerely,



Walter J. Hickel
Governor

FISCAL NOTE

No. 7
Bill Version: SB 303
(S) Publish Date: 2-11-94

Revision Date: February, 1994 Dept. Affected: Community & Regional Affairs 30-
Title: Governor's Motor Voter Bill BRU: Local Government Assistance
Sponsor: Governor Component: Training and Development
Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 672

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
LIABILITIES, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current (FY94) impact \$ none

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
This legislation amends state law to bring the Alaska statutes into line with recently passed federal law, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). Under this legislation, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs is designated as a voter registration agency. In general, the Department can absorb the additional duties required of this responsibility without fiscal impact. That is, existing staff can incorporate the new duties (help clients complete voter registration forms, distribute voter materials, etc.) within the course of their ongoing programmatic functions.
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Division: Municipal and Regional Assistance Division Date: 1/31/94
Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 1/31/94
Agency: Community & Regional Affairs

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The Department, however, does anticipate some minor additional "start-up" training costs associated with helping municipal officials in Alaska's smaller rural communities understand the new federal and state laws; and what they, as municipal officials, need to do to implement these laws correctly. We estimate the additional training costs in the first year will be about \$10,000 which includes \$5,000 for travel expenses and \$ 5,000 for materials and contractual services associated with putting training sessions together. The training will be performed by DCEA's regional office staff. We envision the additional costs to drop off in the second year and to consist of about \$5,000 — all in travel expenses. Beginning in the third year, we would expect this training to be fully integrated into our municipal officials training efforts and, therefore, should not represent an additional fiscal impact from that point forward.

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Bill Version: SB 303

(S) Publish Date: 2-11-94

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
 Title: An Act relating to voter eligibility, voter registration, and voter registration agencies BRU: Public Assistance Administration
 Component: Eligibility Determination
 Sponsor: Governor
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0236

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
PERSONAL SERVICES	10.2	21.0	21.6	22.2	22.9	23.6
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEFANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
INCIDENTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	10.4	21.4	22.0	22.6	23.3	24.0
EXPENSE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REVENUE FUND SOURCE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	5.2	10.7	11.0	11.3	11.6	12.0
1003 GF Match	5.2	10.7	11.0	11.3	11.7	12.
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1006 GF/AHTIA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	10.4	21.4	22.0	22.6	23.3	24.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY94) impact: NONE

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires state agencies administering certain public assistance programs, including Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Food Stamps, and Medicaid, to be voter registration agencies.

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Prepared by: Jan L. Hansen, Director
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 Approved by Commissioner: Margaret R. Lowe, M.Ed., Ed.S
 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

Phone: 465-2680
 Date: 2/11/94
 Date: 2-2-94

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ANALYSIS (cont.):

Under this legislation, Division of Public Assistance field offices must provide voter registration materials to all applicants for all of the programs it administers and to clients who wish to report address changes to the Division of Elections. DPA staff must also assist applicants who request help in completing the voter registration forms and mail in the completed forms for individuals who do not wish to mail them themselves. Under federal law, public assistance applicants must be requested to agree or decline in writing to register to vote, and written declinations must be retained in state records.

These activities will increase the workload of already-overburdened staff in DPA offices throughout the state. We estimate that 10 percent of the approximately 35,000 applicants interviewed each year in our offices will wish to register to vote when they apply for public assistance, and that an equal number will request an explanation of the form or help with the form. We assume that each such interaction will require 10 minutes of staff time, including time to assemble materials, process mailings, and assist clients.

7,000 clients assisted x 10 minutes processing/client = 1160 hours

$\frac{1160}{1950} = 0.6 \text{ FTE}$ $0.6 \times \$33,900/\text{year}/\text{FTE Clerk III} = \$20,340/\text{year}$

The requirement takes effect January 1, 1995. FY95 figures reflect 6 months' costs.

Personnel costs for years after FY95 are increased by 3.0 percent to account for inflation.

Additional PCN not requested: personal services increment will be used to reduce V&T to absorb additional workload.

Estimated mailing costs: \$400/year

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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Bill Version: SB 303
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Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
Title: Act relating to voter elig., voter registration BRU: State Health Services
& voter reg. agencies; & providing for effective date. Component: Women Infants & Children
Sponsor: _____
Requestor: Governor COMPONENT SERIAL NO. #1013

Expenditures/Revenues:	(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS	4.4	8.9	9.2	9.5	9.7	10.0
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	4.4	8.9	9.2	9.5	9.7	10.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

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CHANGES IN REVENUES

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FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	4.4	8.9	9.2	9.5	9.7	10.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	4.4	8.9	9.2	9.5	9.7	10.0

POSITIONS:	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY94) cost \$ NONE

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
This bill 1993 requires state agencies administering certain public programs, including WIC, to be voter registration agencies.

As the agency administering WIC, Division of Public Health, WIC grantees must, under the and this legislation, provide voter registration materials to all applicants for these programs and to clients who wish to report address changes to the Division of Elections. DPH staff and grantee staff must also assist applicants who request help in completing the voter registration forms and mail in the completed forms for individuals who do not wish to mail them themselves. Public health applicants must be requested to agree to decline in writing to register to vote, and written declinations must be retained in state records.

SEE ATTACHED

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Division: Public Health Date: 02/01/94

Margaret R. Lowe

Approved by Commissioner: Margaret R. Lowe, M.Fd., Ed.S. Date: 2-2-94
Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

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ANALYSIS (cont.):

These activities will increase the workload of already-overburdened staff in DPH and grantee offices throughout the state. We estimate that 10 percent of the approximately 14,578 applicants interviewed each year in our grantees offices will wish to register to vote when they apply for services, and that an equal number will require an explanation of the form or help with the form. We assume that each such interaction will require 10 minutes of staff time, including time to assemble material: process mailings, and assist clients.

2,916 clients assisted x 10 minutes processing/client = 486 hours
486 = 0.25 FTE 0.25 x \$33,900/year/FTE Clerk III = \$8,475/year
1950

Personnel costs for years after FY95 are increased by 3.0 percent to account for inflation.

Additional PCN not requested: Grantees may require additional staff.

Estimated mailing costs: \$204/year

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Bill Version: SB 303

(S) Publish Date: 2-11-94

Revision Date:	Dept. Affected: <u>Health and Social Services</u>
Title: <u>Motor Voter</u>	BRU: <u>Mental Health/DD Admin</u>
Sponsor: <u>n/a</u>	Component: <u>Institutions and Administration</u>
Requestor: <u>Governor's Office</u>	COMPONENT SERIAL NO. <u>310</u>

Expenditures/Revenues:	(Thousands of Dollars)					
	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
OPERATING						
PERSONAL SERVICES	8.2	17.0	17.6	18.2	18.8	19.5
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	10.7	17.8	18.5	19.1	19.7	20.5
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0					
CHANGES IN REVENUES	0					

FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	10.7	17.8	18.5	19.1	19.7	20.5
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	10.7	17.8	18.5	19.1	19.7	20.5

POSITIONS:						
FULL-TIME	0					
PART-TIME	0					
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY94) cost \$ 0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would require the four office locations of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and the division's two institutions, Alaska Psychiatric Institute and Harborview Developmental Center, to conform to the "National Voter Registration Act of 1993". This means that each location will inform the public served and provide them with the opportunity for voter registration. Furthermore, each location will offer voter registration services to their staff and the general public upon request. All above locations will be trained by the Division of Elections in voter registration services and will be provided the necessary forms for registration. Each location will be responsible for assisting each individual wishing to register, re-register or change address. Additionally, each location will be responsible for mailing all completed registration forms, and for notifying, in writing, the election supervisor/director of all denials as specified by the bill.

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Division: <u>Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities</u>	Date: <u>02/01/94</u>
Approved by Commissioner: <u>Margaret R. Lowe</u>	Date: <u>2/2/94</u>
Agency: <u>Department of Health & Social Services</u>	

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ANALYSIS (cont.):**Assumptions:**

The cost projections are based upon the following rationale: The projected average number of monthly consumer contacts by each office location multiplied by the average time projected to explain the information and to assist the public or consumer or services with the registration process. It is to be remembered that the population being served by the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities is more difficult to work with and habitually has a much more difficult time understanding the rationale behind any requirement or service. The needed staff time is based upon the FTE (1950 hours/year) at the range of a Clerk Typist III.

Other Expenditures:

- Personal Services is based upon 0.50 of an FTE at the Clerk Typist III, Range 8, Step A, Anchorage pay scale, to be used to offset personnel costs.
- Contractual Services covering estimated costs associated with mailing completed registration forms to the Division of Elections.
- Equipment for storage of the forms, based upon 1 (2) drawer file cabinet for each location.

Computations:

All expenditures have been adjusted with an inflation factor of 3.5% for each year and carried out to FY2000. Also, only six months of FY95 have been figured in due to the date of expected implementation.

Economic Impact:

More individuals will be registered to vote and the State of Alaska will be in compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and not be in jeopardy of any penalties for non-compliance.

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Bill Version: SB 303

(S) Publish Date: 2-11-94

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Division of Elections
 Title: Implementation of the National BRU: Elections Operations
Voter Registration Act of 1993 (Motor Voter) Component: Elections
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0021

Expenditures/Revenues	(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	17.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
CONTRACTUAL	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.9	5.1
SUPPLIES	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	23.0	8.3	8.5	8.7	9.0	9.2

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1003 SF Match	0	0	0	0	0	0
1004 GF	23.0	8.3	8.5	8.7	9.0	9.2
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1006 GF/MHTIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	23.0	8.3	8.5	8.7	9.0	9.2

Estimate of any current year (FY94) cost: \$ 0

POSITIONS						
FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (attach a separate page if necessary)

 Please see attached page.

Prepared by: Joseph L. Swanson, Director Phone: 415-4611
 Division: Division of Elections Date: 12/21/93
 Approved by Commissioner: John E. Coghill, Lieutenant Governor Date: 1/3/94
 Agency: Office of the Lt. Governor

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF
1993 (Motor Voter)

Complying with the federal voter registration mandate will require states to change existing election laws and increase spending. While the Act applies only to federal elections, Alaska would have to maintain a much more costly dual system if we chose not to implement the requirements for state as well as federal elections.

Major provisions of the law require states to establish procedures to permit voter registration simultaneously with an application for a drivers license, by mail, at public assistance offices, at state funded offices that serve people with disabilities, and at recruitment offices of the armed services.

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) is required to prescribe a uniform mail registration form. Alaska must accept the FEC form, but may develop and use our own form if it is in compliance with the Act. The Division plans on developing an acceptable form which meets federal requirements, while being generic enough to be used by other state agencies.

MOTER-VOTER INCREMENT FY 1995

TRAVEL (17.8)

Field Travel (11.2)

Registrar training for the Department of Motor Vehicle offices and public health services personnel.

Conventions and Meetings (7.2)

Yearly National Voter Registration Act educational, training and implementation meetings or seminars.

Per Diem (4.4)

Per diem for trips listed above.

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (4.0)

73500 Printing of universal voter registration form to be used by agencies mandated to implement the Act. (1.2)
Printing of E-12 envelopes for sendbacks. (.9)

73380 Postage for sendbacks (1.7). Annual Postage fee and bulk mail permit (.2).

OFFICE SUPPLIES (1.2)

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Bill Version: SB 303
(S) Publish Date: 2-11-94

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title: An Act relating to voter registration BRU: Motor Vehicles
 Component: Field Services
 Sponsor: Rules by Request
 Requestor: Governor Hickel COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 502

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.4
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	7.5					
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT	10.0					
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	90.9	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.4

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

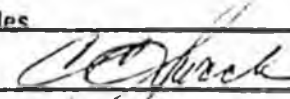
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	90.9	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.4
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL						

Estimate of current year (FY 94) impact: \$ _____

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	2	2	2	2	2	2
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.) See page 2 of 3.

Prepared By: Charles R. Hosack Phone: 269-5559
 Division: Motor Vehicles Date: 1/12/94
 Approved by Commissioner:  Date: 2/2/94
 Agency: Richard L. Burton, Dept. of Public Safety

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The Division of Motor Vehicles currently offers voter registration at all field offices as required by AS 28.05.045. This bill expands on this to include the requirements of the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (Motor-Voter Law). The Motor-Voter Law requires states to make a driver's license application include a voter registration application. The state may not require the applicant to fill out extra forms or provide information twice. The Division of Motor Vehicles will receive no federal funding for this Act.

The driver's license application will be revised to include the additional information needed for voter registration. The applicant must also have the opportunity to decline registration. The division must also forward all change of addresses to the Division of Elections unless the person specifies that the change is not for voter registration purposes.

The driver license computer programs will be changed to collect and print the information required for voter registration. The driver license database will be modified to collect and retain information if the driver declines to register. This programming effort will require 100 hours of programmer-analyst time at \$75.00/hour. Contract programmers will be used because the available staff is fully committed with other mandatory federal programs.

The Division currently registers voters but it is not currently mandatory to either register or decline to register. There will be additional work in registering additional voters and there will be additional time needed with each driver license transaction to explain the options to the individual. This work will be spread over the offices throughout the state and the total impact is estimated to be an increase of 2% over the current workload. To fund this the Division field office staff will be increased by 2% or 2 full-time positions and related equipment. Another method of illustrating this need is that an additional 1.5 minutes will be needed for each of the 165,000 driver license transactions completed each year. This time will be needed to complete the forms and to explain the law. The additional 1.5 minutes equates to 2 employee-years of work when applied to the annual volume of 165,000 transactions.

COST SUMMARY

Personal services - 2 PFT MVR I/II (Range 9B)	\$73.4
Contractual - 100 hours programmer time @ \$75/hr	\$ 7.5
Equipment - 2 terminal work stations @ \$5,000 ea	\$10.0

Note: The contractual and equipment costs are one-time costs only for the first year of the program.

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POSITION INFORMATION HAS BEEN UPDATED AND FUNDING HAS BEEN UPDATED.

02/03/94

Position Information Inquiry/Update

08:16:11

Position: 12-12#129 Project: 0 Salary Costs: 24,288.00
 Component: 12-55-07-07-01-03 Benefits Costs: 12,365.66
 Scenario: 7 FY: 95 COLA %= 0.00 Total Costs: 36,653.66

 Actuals not available (Status: UNKNOWN) Retirement Code: A

00/00/00 * Step: B for 12.0 months & Step: C for 0.0 months (total: 12.0)
 * Merit Date; use merit defaults? N (0.0 @ & 0.0 @)
 0 * Class/Sched Prefix: 1 Schedule: 1A (actual:)
 * Bargaining Unit: GG Range: 09 (actual:)
 * Location Code: EBA Place: ANCHORAGE
 * Job Class Code: P7550 Title: MOTOR VEHICLE REP II _____
 * Seasonal Indic.: F Type: -

Optional Override Salary Rates:

Monthly Rate: 0.00 for 0.0 months & rate of 0.00 for 0.0 months
 Hourly Rate: 0.00 for 0.0 months Frozen at this rate? (Y/N): N

Premium Pay Items/Amounts Budgeted

Item Cost	---- Actual Costs ----	
	Y.T.D.	Prior Year
Overtime Hours: 0.0	0.00	0
Graveyard Shift Diff. (months): 0.00	0.00	0
Swing Shift Diff. (months): 0.00	0.00	0
Hazard Pay (\$): 0.00	0.00	0
Sea Duty Pay (\$): 0.00	0.00	0
Standby Pay (\$): 0.00	0.00	0
Higher Class Work Pay (\$): 0.00	0.00	0
Area Subsistence Pay (\$): 0.00	0.00	0
Additional Salary (\$): 0.00	0.00	0
PLUS 0.00000 PERCENT C.O.L.A.	0.00	0
Total Premium Pay Costs:	0.00	0

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 1=Position Inquiry/Update 2=Funding info 12=Exit w/o update Selection: 0

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No. 1

Bill Version: SB 303

(S) Publish Date: 2-11-94

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1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____

Title: An Act relating to voter eligibility, voter registration and voter registration agencies

Sponsor: Governor Hickel

Requestor: _____

Department Affected: Department of Education

BRU: Alaska State Library / Vocational Rehabilitation

Component: Library Operations / Client Services

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 208 / 1828

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
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

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY94) impact: \$ _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

The zero fiscal note is based on the assumption that the Department of Education will retain the current level of existing staff.

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 Division: Commissioner's Office

Phone: 465-2803
 Date: February 9, 1994

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]
 Agency: Education

Date: February 9, 1994

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BILL NO. SB 303

Revision Date:		Dept. Affected:	Revenue
Title:	<u>Uniform Voter Registration System</u>	BRU:	<u>Permanent Fund Dividend</u>
Sponsor:	<u>SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, by Request of the Governor</u>	Component:	<u>Permanent Fund Dividend</u>
Requestor:	<u>Senate State Affairs</u>	COMPONENT SERIAL NO.	<u>981</u>

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TRAVEL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CONTRACTUAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
SUPPLIES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY94) impact: \$ -0-

ANALYSIS:

This fiscal note assumes that the Director of Elections does not designate the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) Division as a voter registration agency since the PFD Division already includes voter registration forms in the application booklet as required by AS 43.23.016. If the Director of Elections were to designate the PFD Division as a registration agency under proposed AS 15.07.055(c), [See page 2, section 5, lines 24 and 25] the increased cost would require a general fund appropriation or a reimbursable services agreement from the Division of Elections to the PFD Division.

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Approved by Commissioner:	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <u>2/15/94</u>
Agency:	<u>Department of Revenue</u>	

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February 18, 1994

The Honorable Fran Ulmer
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Ulmer:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in amending Alaska's election laws to ensure our compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).

Alaska's election laws are already among the most progressive in the Nation. Many states have a tremendous amount of changes to implement in order to comply with the NVRA, but we are fortunate that existing provisions of Alaska law generally comply, or are close to complying with the federal act. The legislation submitted by the Governor was drafted by the Division of Elections and reflects many hours of research and meetings with representatives from the Federal Election Commission and the Department of Justice, as well as state and local officials from around the country who face the same challenge. I believe this is the best piece of legislation to bring Alaska's election laws into compliance with the NVRA in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.

All politics aside, I encourage you to support the Governor's legislation and work with us to pass Senate Bill 303. As you know, the Governor and I share your commitment to increasing voter registration and voter turnout, regardless of party affiliation. We believe in democracy, and we have an obligation to encourage participation in the democratic process so that everyone can be represented.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John B. Coghill".

John B. Coghill
Lieutenant Governor

cc: The Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Governor

SENATE BILL NO. 303

"An Act relating to voter eligibility, voter registration, and voter registration agencies; and providing for an effective date."

Section 2. AS 15.05.020 (10) is amended to read:

Rules for determining residence of voter. Removes the requirement to "execute an affidavit on a form provided" and replaces it with notifying the director in writing of a change of voting residence.

Section 5 (d) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) requires states to allow a change of address form for a driver's license to serve as a change of address form for voter registration. Under AS 28.05.071 an affidavit or notarization are not needed when a driver's licensee provides written notification of a change of address to the Department of Public Safety. Also complies with Section 9 (b)(3) of the NVRA which prohibits "any requirement for notarization or other formal authentication" of mail registration forms.

Section 3. AS 15.05.030 (a) is amended to read:

Loss and restoration of voting rights. People convicted of felonies involving moral turpitude under state or federal law may not vote in state, federal, or municipal elections.

Currently statute provides for cancellation of voter registration of persons convicted of such felonies under state law. In Section 8 (g), the NVRA requires the United States attorney to give the state notice when a person is convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude in a United States district court. Names can be removed as provided by State law, by reason of criminal conviction...(Section 8 (a)(3)(B)).

Section 4. AS 15.07.050 is amended to read:

Registration in person or by mail. Adds "or through a voter registration agency"

Permits registration in person through voter registration agencies as well as before a registration official or by mail to comply with Section 7 of the NVRA.

SENATE BILL NO. 303 (cont.)

Section 5. AS 15.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Voter Registration Agencies. Designates the following state agencies as voter registration agencies:

Division of Motor Vehicles

Divisions of H&SS that provide public assistance through the food stamp program, Medicaid program, Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) program

Community and Regional Affairs/Division of Municipal and Regional Assistance

All recruitment offices of the armed forces of the United States located in Alaska

State-funded agencies that primarily provide services to persons with disabilities

Other agencies that may include: other state and local agencies, federal and nongovernmental offices w/ agreement from offices

Voter Registration Agencies will include voter registration materials with agency applications and forms, assist applicants in completing voter registration forms, and transmit voter registration forms to the director of elections in accordance with regulations adopted by the director.

Section 5 of the NVRA requires simultaneous application for voter registration and application for motor vehicle driver's licenses and defines the relationship and responsibilities of the Division of Motor Vehicles as a voter registration agency.

Section 7 of the NVRA designates voter registration agencies and defines the parameters and roles of those agencies named. The Conference Committee in its report on the NVRA delineated the minimum agencies to be included as "public assistance agencies" as "...those state agencies in each State that administer or provide services under": the food stamp program, the medicaid program, Women, Infants, and Children program, and the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program."

State funded agencies that primarily provide services to persons with disabilities are specifically designated under Section 7 (a)(2)(B) of the NVRA.

SENATE BILL NO. 303 (cont.)

All recruitment offices of the armed forces of the United States located in Alaska are also designated as voter registration agencies to comply with Section 7 (c)(2) of the NVRA.

The Division of Municipal and Regional Assistance in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs is designated as a voter registration agency in this bill because employees of that division visit each of Alaska's rural communities at least once during each election cycle and provide bilingual information in the villages when needed. Specifically recognizing this division as a voter registration agency assures availability of registration opportunities to Alaska's Native and rural residents.

Section 6. AS 15.07.064 (e) is amended to read:

Address information required for voter registration. Removes reference to consideration by the director of elections of witnessing of an application for voter registration by mail in determining the validity of applications from certain residents of single-precinct municipalities or established villages.

NVRA Section 9 (b)(3), prohibits "any requirement for notarization or other formal authentication" of mail voter registration forms.

Section 7. AS 15.07.07 is amended to read:

Procedure for registration. (a) The director is given specific authority to adopt regulations to implement requirements of federal law, including 42 U.S.C. 1933gg (National Voter Registration Act of 1993).

Regulations to bring the State into compliance with the NVRA are a necessary compliment to this legislation.

(b) In registering by mail, adds voter registration agencies to those who shall furnish forms at no cost to the voter. Removes [upon request] regarding forms prepared by the director for voter registration, so that a voter does not have to request a form to be given the opportunity to register. Removes language regarding required notarization and all witnessing requirements. When the Division notifies the applicant that their registration was denied, the requirement that the Division notify [by certified or registered letter] has been removed.

Section 7 of the NVRA requires that a voter registration agency must distribute mail voter registration application forms and that the individual will be asked by the voter registration agency whether or not they would like to register, rather than the individual requesting the

SENATE BILL NO. 303 (cont.)

application. Section 9 (b)(3) prohibits "any requirement for notarization or other formal authentication" of mail voter registration forms. As a cost saving measure, applicant notification of registration denial will be mailed first class rather than certified or registered mail

(c) Completed registration forms must now be postmarked, not [received by the director or election supervisor] at least 30 days prior to the next election. Added if a registration form is received less than 30 days before an election has an illegible and undated postmark, but was signed and dated by the applicant at least 30 days before an election and was received at least 25 days before an election, their name shall be placed on the official registration list. A person who submits a completed registration form by mail that does not meet the applicable requirements of this subsection may not be placed on the official registration list for that [the next] election.

Complies with Section 8 (a)(1)(B) of the NVRA. The Division of Elections receives many by-mail registration that have illegible, undated, or no postmarks. To maximize the registrations that will be accepted and placed on the official registration list, the provision for receipt of an application by the director at least 25 days before the election, and executed at least 30 days prior was added.

(d) Qualified voters may register in person before a registration official or through a voter registration agency...

Adds voter registration agencies to comply with Section 7 of the NVRA.

(f) Incomplete or inaccurate registration forms may not be accepted. Registration reexecuted and resubmitted forms may be completed in person or by mail and must meet the requirements of (c) or 'd). Removes language regarding the date of registration when reexecuting a registration application.

New language conforms to changes made in paragraphs (c) and (d) and complies with Section 8 (a)(1)(B) of the NVRA.

(g) Adds voter registration agencies designated under AS 15.07.055 and removes [Department of Public Safety].

The Division of Elections will be supplying by-mail voter registration forms to all other voter registration agencies for distribution to the public to comply with Section 7 (a)(4)(A)(i) which requires distribution of by mail voter registration forms. All costs associated with the printing of the forms will be the sole responsibility of the Division.

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Section 8. AS 15.07.090 (b) is amended to read:

Voting after change of name; registration; amendment or transfer of registration. If registration is cancelled [for failure to vote in prior elections], the voter shall reregister and the registration is effective for the next election that occurs at least [may not be made later than] 30 days after reregistration [preceding an election].

Section 8 (b)(2) of the NVRA prohibits a state from purging/cancelling a person's name from the registration list based solely on the person's failure to vote. A voter must have the opportunity to respond to several notices before the voter's name is removed from the rolls.

Section 9. AS 15.07.125 is amended to read:

Official registration list. The director shall prepare an official registration list for each election consisting of all names of voters whose registration are not inactive and all voters whose names are required to be placed on the list by AS 15.07.070 (c) and (d).

Removes the language [appearing on the master register 30 days before an election], which allows Elections to continue adding names from those applications defined under AS 15.07.070 (c) to the official registration list for as long as possible and not bind the Division to a "cut-off date" of 30 days prior to an election. This will make the lists the most comprehensive and representative of voters in each precinct.

Section 10. AS 15.07.130 is amended to read:

Voter Registration List Maintenance. [Elimination of Excess Names]. (a) At the close of each calendar year the area election supervisor shall examine the register maintained by the supervisor under AS 15.07.120.

The additional language clarifies that the supervisors examine only the lists from their region.

(b) When a registered voter [has not reregistered or] has not indicated in writing a desire to remain registered as provided in this subsection within the preceding two calendar years and [or] has not voted in a local regional school board, primary, special or general election at least once in two consecutive calendar years, the voter shall be advised by a notice sent by forwardable mail [sent] to the voter's last known address that registration will be [cancelled] inactivated unless the voter responds to the notice at least 30 [indicates within 90] days before the date of the next primary election on a form [forms] furnished by the director [a desire to remain registered]. The director shall maintain on the master register the name of a voter whose registration is

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inactivated. The director shall cancel a voter's inactive registration after the second general election that occurs after the registration becomes inactive if the voter does not vote a questioned ballot or an absentee ballot that is counted under AS 15.15.198(b) at or before that election.

Adds calendar years to ensure consistency throughout. The deadline for a voter's response to the notice is 30 days before the next primary election. If the voter fails to respond to the notice, the voter's registration is only "inactivated," and the voter's name will be maintained on the master register which allows the voter to vote a questioned ballot or request an absentee ballot. As a result, the voter will not be disenfranchised.

(c) Substitutes bureau for [office] of vital statistics.

Retains the existing provision that the registration of deceased voters is to be cancelled. Complies with Section 8(a)(4)(A) of the NVRA.

(d) The notice described in (b) must include a postage prepaid and pre-addressed return card so the voter may state their current address. It must also indicate

(1) that the voter should return the card to the Division not later than 30 days before the next primary election if the voter did not change residence;

(2) that the voter may vote only a questioned or absentee ballot if the voter fails to return the card 30 days before the next primary election;

(3) that the voter's registration will be cancelled if the voter does not vote in an election held during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second general election that occurs after the date of notice; and

(4) how the voter can remain eligible to vote if the voter has moved.

Defines the content of the notice sent to voters as required by Section 8 (d)(2) of the NVRA.

Section 11. AS 15.10.105 (a) is amended to read:

Administration of elections. (a) Adds the director is responsible for the coordination of state responsibilities under 42 U.S.C. 1933 (National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Section 10 of the NVRA requires states to designate a State officer or employee as the chief State election official to be responsible for coordination of state responsibilities under NVRA.

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Section 12. AS 15.15.198 (b) is amended to read:

Voters not on official registration list. (b) A person whose registration is inactive [has been cancelled] and who votes a questioned or absentee ballot shall have either ballot counted if....

Removes the reference to "cancelled" and replaces it with "is inactive" to comply with the NVRA. The questioned ballot procedure and the information required for an absentee ballot provides for the "affirmation or confirmation" of the voter's address required before a voter whose name is not on the official registration list can be permitted to vote under Section 8 (d)(2)(A) of the NVRA .

Section 13. AS 15.60.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

Definitions. (36) defines a voter registration agency as an agency designated in or under AS 15.07.055.

Section 14. AS 28.05.045 is amended to read:

Voter Registration. Adds the division of motor vehicles shall serve as a voter registration agency to the extent required by state and federal law, including the NVRA and there will be simultaneous application for voter registration and driver's licenses, identifications, and registrations.

Some changes were required to comply with Section 5 of the NVRA which requires simultaneous application for voter registration and application for motor vehicle driver's licenses. The division of motor vehicles and the division of elections are working together to meet specific requirements regarding updating previous voter registration, limitation of use of information, forms and procedures, change of address, and transmittal deadlines.

Section 15. AS 44.29.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

Duties of department. (b) The Department of Health and Social Services shall comply with AS 15.07.055 to serve as a voter registration agency to the extent required by state and federal law, including the NVRA.

To comply with Section 7 of the NVRA, those divisions of the Department of Health and Social Services that administer or provide services under the food stamp, Medicaid, the Women Infants and Children (WIC), and Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) programs will be

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designated as voter registration agencies. The Conference Report specifically named those programs as public assistance agencies. Working with the division of elections, the divisions administering these programs will meet specific requirements regarding distribution of mail voter registration forms, assistance to applicants in completing voter registration forms, transmittal of forms to Elections, procedures, confidentiality and record-keeping.

Section 16. AS 44.47.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

General powers and duties. (c) The department shall comply with AS 15.07.055 to serve as a voter registration agency to the extent required by state and federal law, including the NVRA.

The division of municipal and regional assistance in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs has been designated as a voter registration agency to provide outreach to rural communities and to work with those applicants who may need assistance and bilingual information.

Section 17. The director of the division of elections may proceed to adopt regulations to implement the changes made by this Act, but the regulations can not take effect before the effective date of sections 1 - 16 of this Act.

Section 18. Section 17 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070 (c).

Public Law 103-31
103d Congress

An Act

To establish national voter registration procedures for Federal elections, and for other purposes.

May 20, 1993
[H.R. 2]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Voter Registration Act of 1993".

National Voter
Registration Act
of 1993.
Inter-
governmental
relations.
42 USC 1973gg
note.
42 USC 1973gg.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Congress finds that—

- (1) the right of citizens of the United States to vote is a fundamental right;
- (2) it is the duty of the Federal, State, and local governments to promote the exercise of that right; and
- (3) discriminatory and unfair registration laws and procedures can have a direct and damaging effect on voter participation in elections for Federal office and disproportionately harm voter participation by various groups, including racial minorities.

(b) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of this Act are—

- (1) to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office;
- (2) to make it possible for Federal, State, and local governments to implement this Act in a manner that enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for Federal office;
- (3) to protect the integrity of the electoral process; and
- (4) to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

42 USC 1973gg-1.

As used in this Act—

- (1) the term "election" has the meaning stated in section 301(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(1));
- (2) the term "Federal office" has the meaning stated in section 301(3) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(3));
- (3) the term "motor vehicle driver's license" includes any personal identification document issued by a State motor vehicle authority;

(A) may not require any information that duplicates information required in the driver's license portion of the form (other than a second signature or other information necessary under subparagraph (C));

(B) may require only the minimum amount of information necessary to—

(i) prevent duplicate voter registrations; and

(ii) enable State election officials to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process;

(C) shall include a statement that—

(i) states each eligibility requirement (including citizenship);

(ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement; and

(iii) requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury;

(D) shall include, in print that is identical to that used in the attestation portion of the application—

(i) the information required in section 8(a)(5) (A) and (B);

(ii) a statement that, if an applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and

(iii) a statement that if an applicant does register to vote, the office at which the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and

(E) shall be made available (as submitted by the applicant, or in machine readable or other format) to the appropriate State election official as provided by State law.

(d) CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Any change of address form submitted in accordance with State law for purposes of a State motor vehicle driver's license shall serve as notification of change of address for voter registration with respect to elections for Federal office for the registrant involved unless the registrant states on the form that the change of address is not for voter registration purposes.

(e) TRANSMITTAL DEADLINE.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a completed voter registration portion of an application for a State motor vehicle driver's license accepted at a State motor vehicle authority shall be transmitted to the appropriate State election official not later than 10 days after the date of acceptance.

(2) If a registration application is accepted within 5 days before the last day for registration to vote in an election, the application shall be transmitted to the appropriate State election official not later than 5 days after the date of acceptance.

SEC. 6. MAIL REGISTRATION.

42 USC 1973gg-4.

(a) FORM.—(1) Each State shall accept and use the mail voter registration application form prescribed by the Federal Election Commission pursuant to section 9(a)(2) for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office.

(2) In addition to accepting and using the form described in paragraph (1), a State may develop and use a mail voter registration

(iii) Acceptance of completed voter registration application forms for transmittal to the appropriate State election official.

(B) If a voter registration agency designated under paragraph (2)(B) provides services to a person with a disability at the person's home, the agency shall provide the services described in subparagraph (A) at the person's home.

(5) A person who provides service described in paragraph (4) shall not—

(A) seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party registration;

(B) display any such political preference or party allegiance;

(C) make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to discourage the applicant from registering to vote; or

(D) make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the applicant to believe that a decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits.

(6) A voter registration agency that is an office that provides service or assistance in addition to conducting voter registration shall—

(A) distribute with each application for such service or assistance, and with each recertification, renewal, or change of address form relating to such service or assistance—

(i) the mail voter registration application form described in section 9(a)(2), including a statement that—

(I) specifies each eligibility requirement (including citizenship);

(II) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement; and

(III) requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury; or

(ii) the office's own form if it is equivalent to the form described in section 9(a)(2), unless the applicant, in writing, declines to register to vote;

(B) provide a form that includes—

(i) the question, "If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?";

(ii) if the agency provides public assistance, the statement, "Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.";

(iii) boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the applicant would like to register or declines to register to vote (failure to check either box being deemed to constitute a declination to register for purposes of subparagraph (C)), together with the statement (in close proximity to the boxes and in prominent type), "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME.";

(iv) the statement, "If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private."; and

(C) in the case of registration at a voter registration agency, if the valid voter registration form of the applicant is accepted at the voter registration agency not later than the lesser of 30 days, or the period provided by State law, before the date of the election; and

(D) in any other case, if the valid voter registration form of the applicant is received by the appropriate State election official not later than the lesser of 30 days, or the period provided by State law, before the date of the election;

(2) require the appropriate State election official to send notice to each applicant of the disposition of the application;

(3) provide that the name of a registrant may not be removed from the official list of eligible voters except—

(A) at the request of the registrant;

(B) as provided by State law, by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity; or

(C) as provided under paragraph (4);

(4) conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters by reason of—

(A) the death of the registrant; or

(B) a change in the residence of the registrant, in accordance with subsections (b), (c), and (d);

(5) inform applicants under sections 5, 6, and 7 of—

(A) voter eligibility requirements; and

(B) penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter registration application; and

(6) ensure that the identity of the voter registration agency through which any particular voter is registered is not disclosed to the public.

(b) CONFIRMATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION.—Any State program or activity to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of an accurate and current voter registration roll for elections for Federal office—

(1) shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.); and

(2) shall not result in the removal of the name of any person from the official list of voters registered to vote in an election for Federal office by reason of the person's failure to vote.

(c) VOTER REMOVAL PROGRAMS.—(1) A State may meet the requirement of subsection (a)(4) by establishing a program under which—

(A) change-of-address information supplied by the Postal Service through its licensees is used to identify registrants whose addresses may have changed; and

(B) if it appears from information provided by the Postal Service that—

(i) a registrant has moved to a different residence address in the same registrar's jurisdiction in which the registrant is currently registered, the registrar changes the registration records to show the new address and sends the registrant a notice of the change by forwardable mail and a postage prepaid pre-addressed return form by which

area covered by a polling place to an address in the same area shall, notwithstanding failure to notify the registrar of the change of address prior to the date of an election, be permitted to vote at that polling place upon oral or written affirmation by the registrant of the change of address before an election official at that polling place.

(2)(A) A registrant who has moved from an address in the area covered by one polling place to an address in an area covered by a second polling place within the same registrar's jurisdiction and the same congressional district and who has failed to notify the registrar of the change of address prior to the date of an election, at the option of the registrant—

(i) shall be permitted to correct the voting records and vote at the registrant's former polling place, upon oral or written affirmation by the registrant of the new address before an election official at that polling place; or

(ii)(I) shall be permitted to correct the voting records and vote at a central location within the same registrar's jurisdiction designated by the registrar where a list of eligible voters is maintained, upon written affirmation by the registrant of the new address on a standard form provided by the registrar at the central location; or

(II) shall be permitted to correct the voting records for purposes of voting in future elections at the appropriate polling place for the current address and, if permitted by State law, shall be permitted to vote in the present election, upon confirmation by the registrant of the new address by such means as are required by law.

(B) If State law permits the registrant to vote in the current election upon oral or written affirmation by the registrant of the new address at a polling place described in subparagraph (A)(i) or (A)(ii)(II), voting at the other locations described in subparagraph (A) need not be provided as options.

(3) If the registration records indicate that a registrant has moved from an address in the area covered by a polling place, the registrant shall, upon oral or written affirmation by the registrant before an election official at that polling place that the registrant continues to reside at the address previously made known to the registrar, be permitted to vote at that polling place.

(f) CHANGE OF VOTING ADDRESS WITHIN A JURISDICTION.— In the case of a change of address, for voting purposes, of a registrant to another address within the same registrar's jurisdiction, the registrar shall correct the voting registration list accordingly, and the registrant's name may not be removed from the official list of eligible voters by reason of such a change of address except as provided in subsection (d).

(g) CONVICTION IN FEDERAL COURT.—(1) On the conviction of a person of a felony in a district court of the United States, the United States attorney shall give written notice of the conviction to the chief State election official designated under section 10 of the State of the person's residence.

(2) A notice given pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include—

- (A) the name of the offender;
- (B) the offender's age and residence address;
- (C) the date of entry of the judgment;
- (D) a description of the offenses of which the offender was convicted; and

area than a municipality, the geographic area governed by that unit of government; or

(3) if voter registration is maintained on a consolidated basis for more than one municipality or other unit of government by an office that performs all of the functions of a voting registrar, the geographic area of the consolidated municipalities or other geographic units.

SEC. 9. FEDERAL COORDINATION AND REGULATIONS.

42 USC 1973gg-7.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Election Commission—

(1) in consultation with the chief election officers of the States, shall prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out paragraphs (2) and (3);

(2) in consultation with the chief election officers of the States, shall develop a mail voter registration application form for elections for Federal office;

(3) not later than June 30 of each odd-numbered year, shall submit to the Congress a report assessing the impact of this Act on the administration of elections for Federal office during the preceding 2-year period and including recommendations for improvements in Federal and State procedures, forms, and other matters affected by this Act; and

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(4) shall provide information to the States with respect to the responsibilities of the States under this Act.

(b) CONTENTS OF MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.—The mail voter registration form developed under subsection (a)(2)—

(1) may require only such identifying information (including the signature of the applicant) and other information (including data relating to previous registration by the applicant), as is necessary to enable the appropriate State election official to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process;

(2) shall include a statement that—

(A) specifies each eligibility requirement (including citizenship);

(B) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement; and

(C) requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury;

(3) may not include any requirement for notarization or other formal authentication; and

(4) shall include, in print that is identical to that used in the attestation portion of the application—

(i) the information required in section 8(a)(5) (A) and (B);

(ii) a statement that, if an applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and

(iii) a statement that if an applicant does register to vote, the office at which the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.

SEC. 10. DESIGNATION OF CHIEF STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL.

42 USC 1973gg-8.

Each State shall designate a State officer or employee as the chief State election official to be responsible for coordination of State responsibilities under this Act.

States Code), notwithstanding any other law), or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

SEC. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.

42 USC 1973gg
note.

This Act shall take effect—

(1) with respect to a State that on the date of enactment of this Act has a provision in the constitution of the State that would preclude compliance with this Act unless the State maintained separate Federal and State official lists of eligible voters, on the later of—

(A) January 1, 1996; or

(B) the date that is 120 days after the date by which, under the constitution of the State as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, it would be legally possible to adopt and place into effect any amendments to the constitution of the State that are necessary to permit such compliance with this Act without requiring a special election; and

(2) with respect to any State not described in paragraph (1), on January 1, 1995.

Approved May 20, 1993.

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May 20, Presidential remarks.

A SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1993

Sec.2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

- * Establish procedures that will increase the number of citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office
- * Enhance participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for Federal office
- * Protect the integrity of the electoral process
- * Ensure accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained

Sec.4. NATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION FOR ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.

IN GENERAL

- * Simultaneous voter registration and application for motor vehicle driver's license
- * By mail voter registration
- * Voter registration through voter registration agencies

NON-APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN STATES

- * The Act does not apply to states where there is no voter registration requirement for any voter in the state in elections for Federal office (under law in effect continuously on & after 3/11/93)
- * All voters in the state may register to vote at the polling place at the time of voting in a general election for Federal office (under law in effect continuously on & after 3/11/93)

SEC.5. SIMULTANEOUS APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE.

- * Driver's license application (including renewal) shall serve as an application for voter registration unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration application
- * Application for voter registration considered an update of previous voter registration
- * No information may be used for any purpose other than voter registration
- * Shall include voter registration application as apart of application for driver's license
- * Voter registration application portion can not duplicate information required on driver's license portion
- * If applicant declines to register to vote, the declination remains confidential
- * Change of address form for driver's license shall serve as notification of change of address for voter registration unless the registrant states otherwise
- * Transmittal deadline for DMV to transmit voter registration portions of application to Elections

SEC.6. MAIL REGISTRATION.

- * Each state shall use mail voter registration application for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office
- * Mail voter registration application shall be accepted as notification of a registrant's change of address
- * Mail voter registration applications shall be made available for distribution through governmental and private entities
- * If notice of the disposition of mail voter registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is returned undelivered, the registrar may proceed with the removal of the voter from the rolls.

SEC.7. VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES

- * Each state shall designate agencies for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office
- * Voter Registration Agencies are all offices in the State that provide public assistance (narrowly defined in the Conference report as those agencies who administer programs in Medicaid, Aid to Families with Dependent Children [AFDC], Women, Infants and Children [WIC], and Food Stamps)
- * All offices that provide state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities
- * Voter Registration Agencies may include: schools, public libraries, county clerks offices, unemployment compensation, federal and nongovernmental offices (with the agreement of such offices)
- * Voter Registration Agencies shall distribute mail voter registration applications
- * Voter Registration Agencies shall assist applicants in completing voter registration application forms unless applicant refuses assistance
- * Voter registration forms will be transmitted to Elections
- * If a Voter Registration Agency provides service to a person with disability in their home, the above assistance shall be provided
- * A person providing services and assisting in voter registration shall not
 - seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party allegiance
 - display political preference or party allegiance
 - make a statement/action to dissuade an applicant from registering to vote
- * Voter Registration Agencies shall distribute with each application for such service/assistance/recertification/renewal/change of address form a mail voter registration form specifying each eligibility requirement, containing an attestation that the applicant meets each requirement, and requiring the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury
- * The form must include the question "If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?"

- * If the agency provides public assistance, the statement, "Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency"
- * Boxes for the applicant to check to indicate if the applicant would like to register or declines to register to vote (failure to check a box constitutes a declination to register) and a statement, "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME"
- * The statement, "If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private" and
- * The statement, "If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with _____", (the blank to include the name, address, and telephone number of the appropriate official to whom such a complaint should be made)
- * Each applicant who does not decline to register to vote shall be provided the same degree of assistance with the voter registration form as with the agency forms
- * Declination information can not be used for anything except voter registration
- * Federal government and its agencies shall cooperate with the states
- * Each state and the Secretary of Defense shall work together to register voters at recruitment offices and recruitment offices shall be Voter Registration Agencies
- * Transmittal deadline for Voter Registration Agencies to transmit voter registration forms to the Division of Elections

SEC.8. REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION

IN GENERAL

- * In registration through DMV, if the valid voter registration form is submitted to the DMV not later than the lesser of 30 days or the period provided by state law, before the election or
- * By mail if valid voter registration form is postmarked not later than the lesser of 30 days or the period provided by state law, before the election
- * Through a voter registration agency if valid voter registration form is accepted at the agency not later than the lesser of 30 days, or the period provided by state law before the date of the election
- * In any other case, if the valid voter registration form is received in Elections not later than the lesser of 30 days or the period provided by state law, before the election
- * Elections must send notice to each applicant of the disposition of the application

- * Name of registrant may not be removed from the official list of registered voters except
 - at request of registrant
 - reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity (in State law)
- * Conduct a general program to remove names of ineligible voters by reason of
 - death of registrant
 - change of residence of the registrant
- * Inform applicants of eligibility requirements, penalties for submitting false voter registration application
- * Ensure the identity of voter registration agency through which voter is registered is not disclosed to the public

CONFIRMATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION

- * Accurate and current voter rolls for elections for Federal office
 - shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S. C. 1973 et seq.)
 - shall not remove voters from the official list of voters by reason of the person's failure to vote

VOTER REMOVAL PROGRAMS

- * May use change of address information supplied by the Postal Service to identify registrants whose addresses may have changed
- * From above information, registrar changes the registration records and notifies the registrant of change by forwardable mail and postage prepaid pre-addressed return form so registrant may verify or correct address information
- * A state shall complete, not later than 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election for Federal office, any voter removal program

REMOVAL OF NAMES FROM VOTING ROLLS

- * A state shall not remove the name of a registrant from the official list on the grounds that the registrant has changed residence unless the registrant
 - confirms in writing that the registrant has moved outside the registrar's jurisdiction
 - has failed to respond to a notice described below and
 - has not voted or appeared to vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending of the day after the second general election for Federal office
- * A notice is a postage prepaid and pre-addressed return card, sent by forwardable mail, on which the registrant may state his or her current address together with a notice to following effect

"If registrant did not change his or her residence, or changed residence but remained in the registrar's jurisdiction, the registrant should return the card not later than the time provided for mail registration. If the card is not returned, affirmation/confirmation of registrant's address may be required before voting is permitted from the time the notice is dated and ending the day after the second general election for Federal office occurring after the date of the notice, and if the registrant does not vote in an election during that period, the registrant's name will be removed from the list of eligible voters."

- * If the registrant has moved out of the registrar's jurisdiction where the registrant is registered, information on how the registrant can continue to be eligible to vote.
- * A registrar shall correct an official list of eligible voters with change of residence information obtained in the manner described above

PROCEDURE FOR VOTING FOLLOWING FAILURE TO RETURN CARD

- * If registrant moves within a precinct, but fails to notify the registrar of the change of address prior to the election, they will be permitted to vote at that polling place upon oral/written confirmation of that change at the polling place
- * A registrant who has moved to another precinct and the same congressional district and who has failed to notify the registrar of the change of address prior to the election shall be permitted to correct voting records and vote at the former polling place, a central location, or at the appropriate polling place for the current address, if permitted by state law, upon oral/written affirmation of new address to an election official at the polling place

CHANGE OF VOTING ADDRESS WITHIN A JURISDICTION

- * With change of address within a registrar's jurisdiction, the correction shall be made on the list and the registrant's name can not be removed by reason of change of address

CONVICTION IN FEDERAL COURT

- * US attorney shall give written notice of a person convicted of a felony in a district court to Elections
- * The notice shall include
 - name of offender
 - offender's age and residence address
 - date of entry of judgement
 - description of offenses by offender
 - sentence imposed by court

- * If conviction is overturned, the US attorney will give notice of the vacation of the judgement

REDUCED POSTAL RATES

- * While the Act assures that there will be reduced postage rates available we were notified by the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) that a subsequent bill in Congress repealed this section of the Act

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES

- * Each state shall maintain for at least 2 years (and make available for inspection and copying at a reasonable cost) all records concerning the registration lists/activities except those records relating to a declination to register or the identity of a voter registration agency
- * Lists shall include names and addresses of all persons receiving notices and whether a response resulted

SEC.9. FEDERAL COORDINATION AND REGULATIONS

IN GENERAL

- * FEC shall consult with elections officials of the states to develop necessary regulations
- * FEC shall develop mail voter registration application form
- * FEC, not later than June 30 of each odd-numbered year, shall submit to Congress a report of the impact of the Act on elections for Federal office during the preceding 2-year period
- * FEC shall provide information regarding state's responsibilities under this Act

CONTENTS OF MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

- * May require only such identifying information to assess the eligibility of the applicant and administer voter registration
- * Shall include a statement that specifies each eligibility requirement; contains an attestation that the applicant meets such requirements; requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury; and may not include any requirement for notarization or other formal authentication
- * Shall include in print the same as the attestation, above information and that a declination to register will remain confidential, and the office at which the applicant submits a registration application will also remain confidential, except for voter registration purposes

SEC.10. DESIGNATION OF CHIEF STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL.

- * Each state shall designate a state officer as the Chief Election Official to be responsible for coordination of State responsibilities under this Act.

SEC.11. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AND PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

- * Attorney General may bring civil action for declaratory or injunctive relief as necessary to carry out this Act
- * A person who is aggrieved by a violation of this Act may provide written notice of the violation to the chief election official
- * If the violation is not corrected within 90 days of receipt of notice or within 20 days after receipt of notice if violation occurred within 120 days before an election for Federal office, the aggrieved person may bring a civil action in district court for declaratory or injunctive relief
- * If violation occurred within 30 days before the date of an election for Federal office, the aggrieved person need not provide notice before bringing civil action
- * In civil action, the court may allow the prevailing party reasonable attorney fees/litigation expenses/costs
- * The rights and remedies of this Act shall not supersede, restrict or limit the application of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.).

SEC.12. CRIMINAL PENALTIES

- * A person, including an election official, who in any election for Federal office knowingly/willfully intimidate/threatens or coerces (or attempts) any person for
 - registering to vote, voting, or attempting to register
 - urging or aiding any person to register to vote or attempting
 - exercising any right under this act
 - deprives/defrauds (or attempts) a fair/impartial election process by procuring false voter registration applications that are know to be false, or casting or tabulating ballots that are known to be false shall be fined or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

SEC.15. EFFECTIVE DATE

- * The Act will take effect January 1, 1995 unless there is a provision within a state's constitution which precludes compliance with this Act

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WALTER J. HICKEL
GOVERNOR



HB 466
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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

February 11, 1994

The Honorable Ramona L. Barnes
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Barnes:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill authorizing the issuance of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and University of Alaska bonds for repair and rehabilitation of university facilities.

This legislation will provide funding to partially meet the university facilities' deferred maintenance needs throughout the state. The Legislature's approval of my bill last session creating the educational facilities maintenance and construction fund was a start in stepping up to our responsibilities in investing in the state's existing infrastructure. But it was only a start. We now have the responsibility to continue to meet the university's critical needs.

The bill I am proposing authorizes the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to issue \$30 million in bonds for student housing repair and rehabilitation, and authorizes the University of Alaska to issue \$45 million in bonds for repair and rehabilitation of other university facilities. This program will allow the buildings to be repaired now, with costs of the upgrades spread over the remaining useful life of the facilities. Repayment of the debt service will be made from annual legislative appropriations from the Alaska debt retirement fund (AS 37.05.011). The historic low interest rates currently prevailing in the national capital markets, combined with reduced future maintenance and operating costs brought about by fixing the university facilities, makes this approach particularly appropriate this year.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter J. Hickel".

Walter J. Hickel
Governor

**University of Alaska
Repair and Rehabilitation Bond Package**

	University of Alaska \$45 million Facilities Repair & Rehabilitation	Alaska Housing Finance Corp. \$30 million Student Housing Repair & Rehabilitation
University of Alaska Anchorage		
Anchorage Campus	\$7,408,300	\$2,455,000
Kenai Peninsula College	\$65,000	
Kodiak College	\$230,300	
Matanuska-Susitna College	\$465,000	
Prince William Sound Community College	\$900,000	\$664,000
Total UA Anchorage	<u>\$9,068,600</u>	<u>\$3,119,000</u>
University of Alaska Fairbanks		
Fairbanks Campus	\$26,524,500	\$22,793,700
Bristol Bay Campus	\$300,000	
Chukchi Campus	\$372,800	
Kuskokwim Campus	\$1,047,100	\$75,000
Northwest Campus	\$756,700	
AFES Palmer	\$402,000	
AFES Mat-Su Farm	\$822,500	
Total UA Fairbanks	<u>\$30,225,600</u>	<u>\$22,868,700</u>
University of Alaska Southeast		
Juneau Campus	\$462,600	\$929,700
Ketchikan Campus	\$319,300	
Sitka Campus	\$300,000	
Total University of Alaska Southeast	<u>\$1,081,900</u>	<u>\$929,700</u>
Total Repair & Rehabilitation Projects	<u>\$40,376,100</u>	<u>\$26,917,400</u>
Bond Issuance Costs	\$900,000	\$600,000
Required Debt Reserve	<u>\$3,723,900</u>	<u>\$2,482,600</u>
Total Bond Issue	\$45,000,000	\$30,000,000

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508	University of Alaska Deferred Maintenance		
509	Non-Residential Projects - by Campus, by Building		
510			
511	Arts Building		23,000
512	Auto/Diesel Building		35,000
513	Aviation Tec. Ctr.		19,000
514	Campus		2,904,435
515	Campus Center		175,000
516	College of Arts & Science		246,100
517	Cuddy Center		110,700
518	Downtown Center		337,950
519	Hartlieb		152,000
520	Building K		626,300
521	Library		440,000
522	McDonald		277,450
523	Monserud		604,500
524	Science Building		86,800
525	Short Building		564,000
526	Sports Center		412,265
527	Student Center		295,000
528	Williamson		98,800
529		Anchorage Campus Total	7,408,300
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531	Campus, KOC		114,800
532	Voc-Ed, KOC		35,500
533		Kodiak Campus Total	230,300
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535	Homer, KPC		65,000
536		Kenai Peninsula Campus Total	65,000
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538	Campus, MSC		240,000
539	Kertula, MSC		225,000
540		Mat-Su Campus Total	465,000
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542	PWSCC		900,000
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545	University of Alaska Anchorage		9,068,600
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547			
548	AHRC		740,000
549	Brooks Building		427,414
550	Bunnell Building		1,910,000
551	Bunnell House		10,000
552	Coal Lab		25,000
553	Constitution Hall		180,000
554	Duckering Building		2,112,000
555	Elvey Building		400,000

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	Fairbanks Campus Total	26,524,500
		300,000
	Bristol Bay Campus Total	300,000
		347,837
		24,963
	Chukchi Campus Total	372,800
		150,000
LC)		26,000
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	Kuskokwim Campus Total	1,047,100
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	Northwest Campus Total	756,700
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Office/Lab		291,992
	AFES Palmer Total	402,000
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		300,000
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Mix Facility		37,539

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604	Water Reservoir	200,000
605	AFES Mat-Su Farm Total	822,500
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607	University of Alaska Fairbanks	30,225,600
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609		
610	Anderson	78,005
611	Bill Ray	12,095
612	Child Care	9,333
613	Child Center	6,667
614	Egan	93,900
615	Lee Street	46,600
616	Marine Tech	14,566
617	Mourant	41,333
618	Novatney	24,000
619	UAS Site	20,000
620	Soboleff	33,334
621	Welding Lab	60,000
622	Whitehead	22,667
623	Juneau Campus Total	462,600
624		
625	Hamilton	16,000
626	Paul/Ziegler/Robert	216,800
627	Ziegler	86,500
628	Ketchikan Campus Total	319,300
629		
630	Hangar 332	300,000
631	Sitka Campus Total	300,000
632		
633	University of Alaska Southeast Total	1,081,900
634		
635	Total Non-Residential Deferred Maintenance Projects	40,376,100
636		
637	Bond Issuance Costs	900,000
638	Required Debt Reserve	372,390
639	Total Bond Issue	45,000,000

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE
STUDENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PHASE II
FY 95

project need:

The University of Alaska Anchorage needs and can support operationally additional STUDENT HOUSING. UAA's Housing Master Plan projects housing growth to 1,436 beds in 1995, today there are 334 beds. Today, the UAA housing office gives preference to those students living beyond the greater Anchorage area. The housing office maintains substantial waiting lists throughout the semester for any available housing openings and today can provide housing to only 15% of its students. Local students are seldom able to derive benefits from an on-campus living experience.

UAA today needs 500 additional beds. Dorm style housing is the most cost effective and efficient method to provide this number of beds. Additionally, dorm style housing will provide UAA with a mix of housing types, that of new dormitory rooms and existing apartments.

This facility will include shared dorm rooms with associated compartmentalized bathrooms, accessory spaces for study, lounge, laundry etc. and food service. A food service plan will be a part of the housing program for dorm and apartment students and is an essential part of a campus residential life program.

An alternative that would meet a portion of the demand would be the reduction to a 300 bed facility with food service.

project budget: \$28,500,000

A capital appropriation of \$28.5 million, will fund planning, design and construction costs. This facility would be constructed adjacent to the existing student housing facilities on University land.

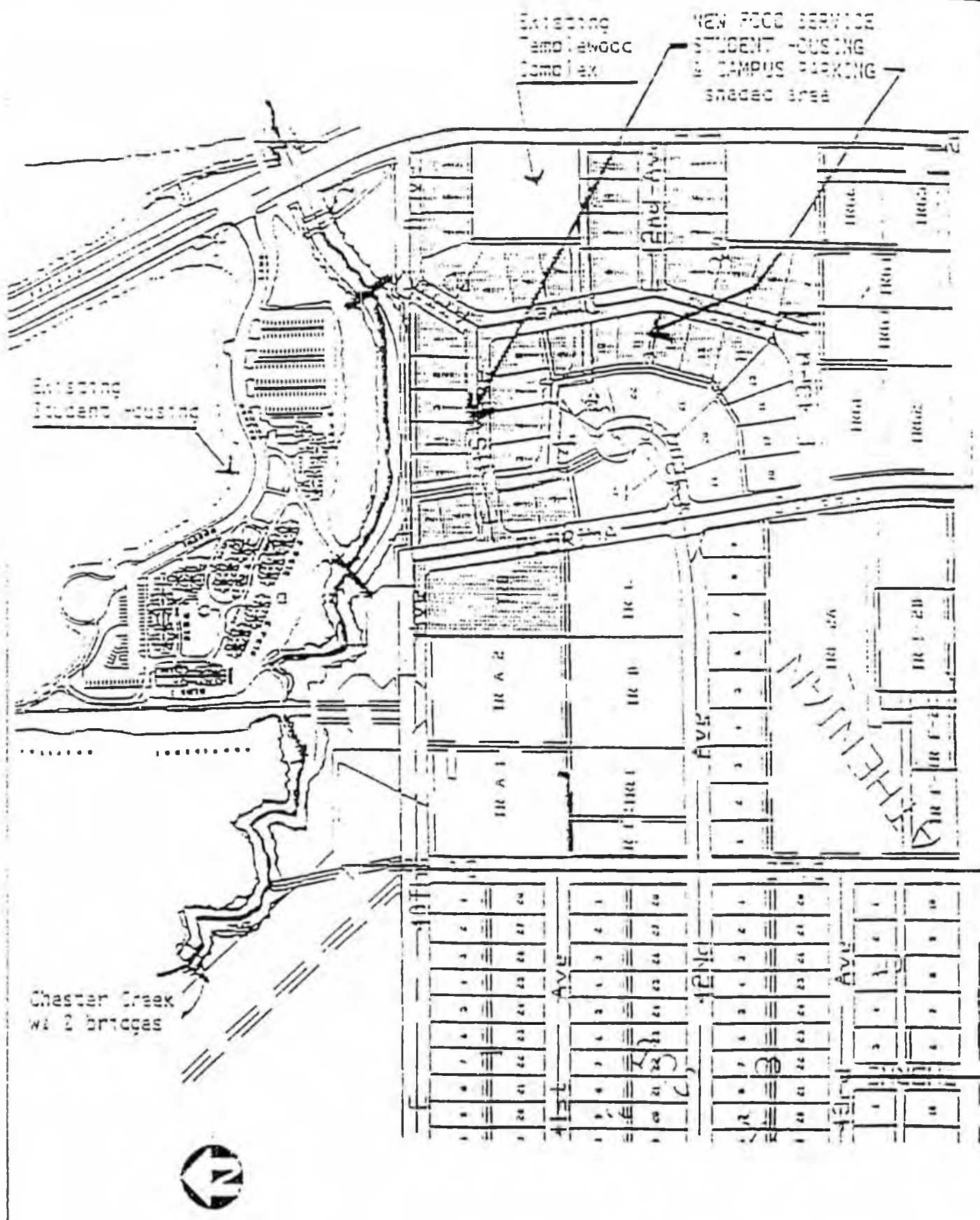
If bond indebtedness were to fund the 500 bed Phase II Housing Project, then the total cost would be \$57,150,000. This reflects a debt term of 15 years at an annual debt service cost of \$3,310,000 per year.

The cost for a 300 bed Phase II Housing Project would be capital cost of \$19 million, with a bond indebtedness cost of \$33,100,000 with a debt term of 15 years with annual debt service cost of \$2,540,000 per year.

project benefit:

This additional student housing will benefit the University of Alaska Anchorage with additional beds, affording more students a residential campus-life experience. Additional benefits will accrue to the Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska with more students spending money in the community for goods and services, creating an economic benefit for those business. This would provide additional tax revenue in the community.

The additional beds will also provide the University of Alaska Anchorage a greater opportunity for summer educational conferences, which will bring educators from across the country to our city, which also translates into additional revenue to our community and the State of Alaska.



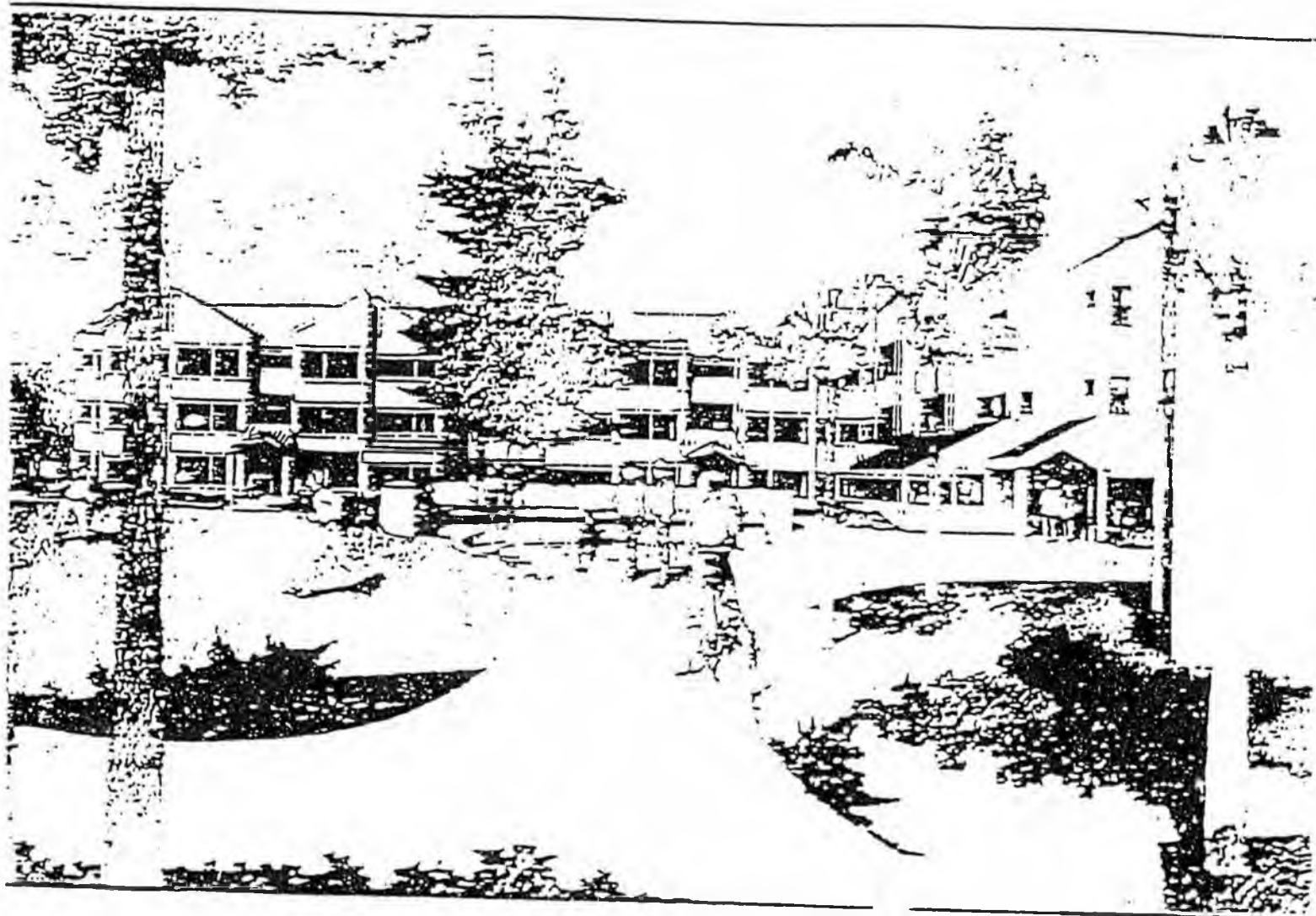
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UAA STUDENT HOUSING

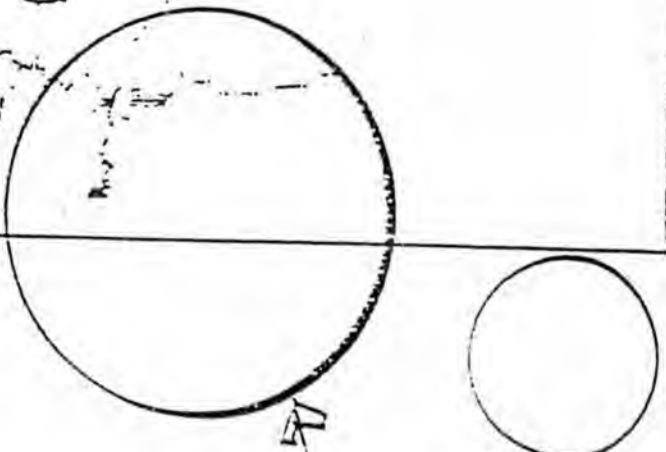
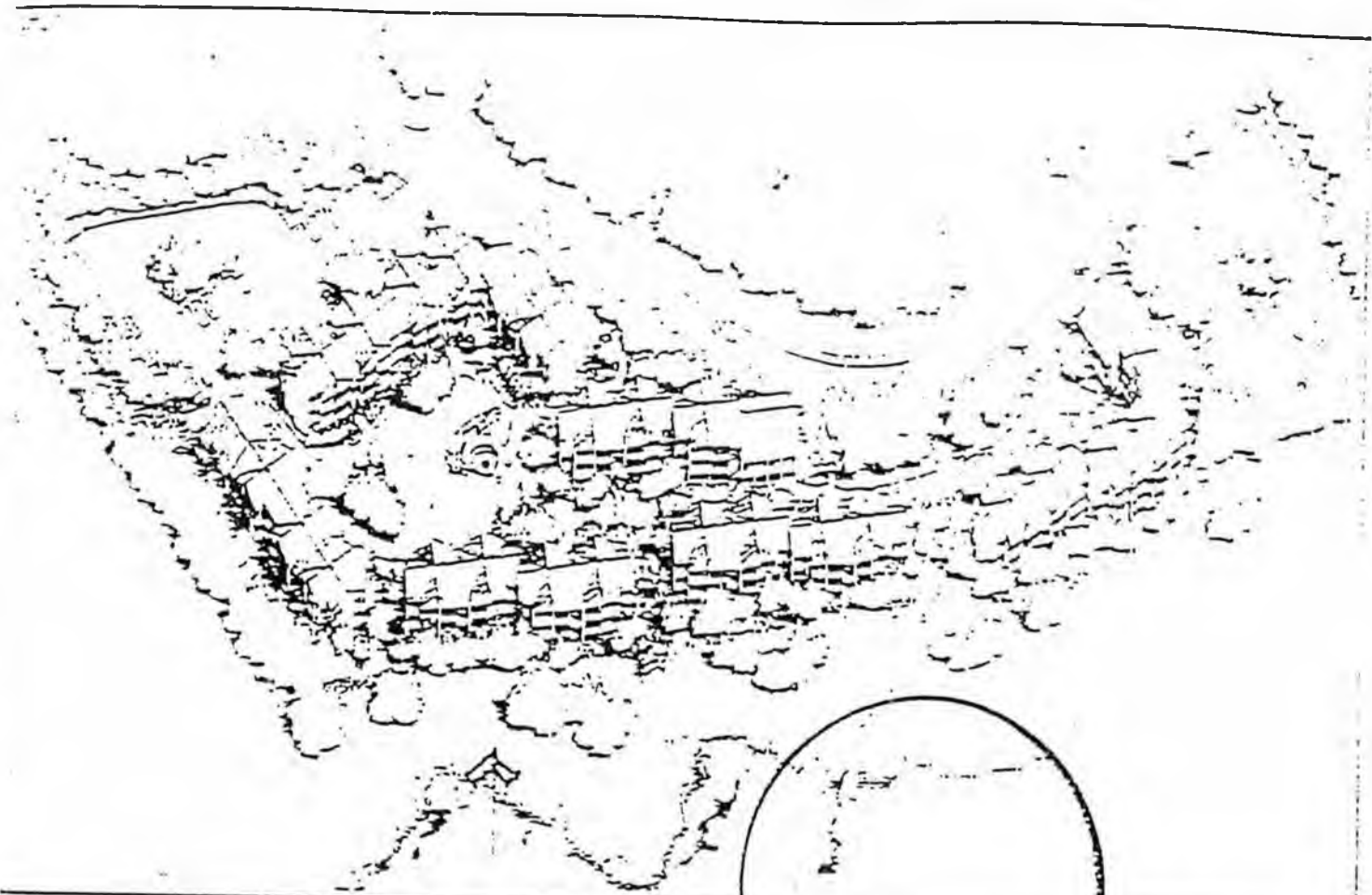
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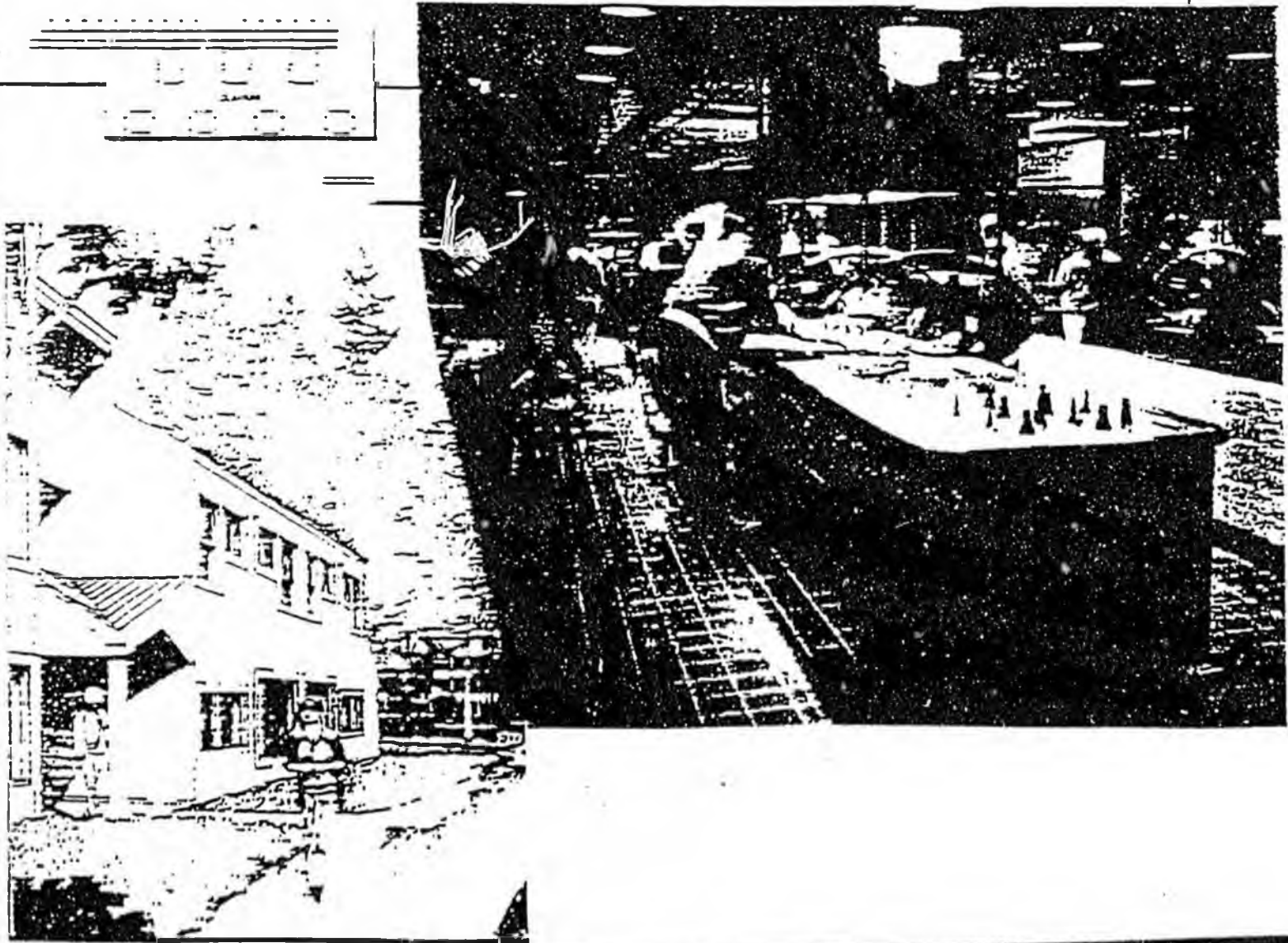
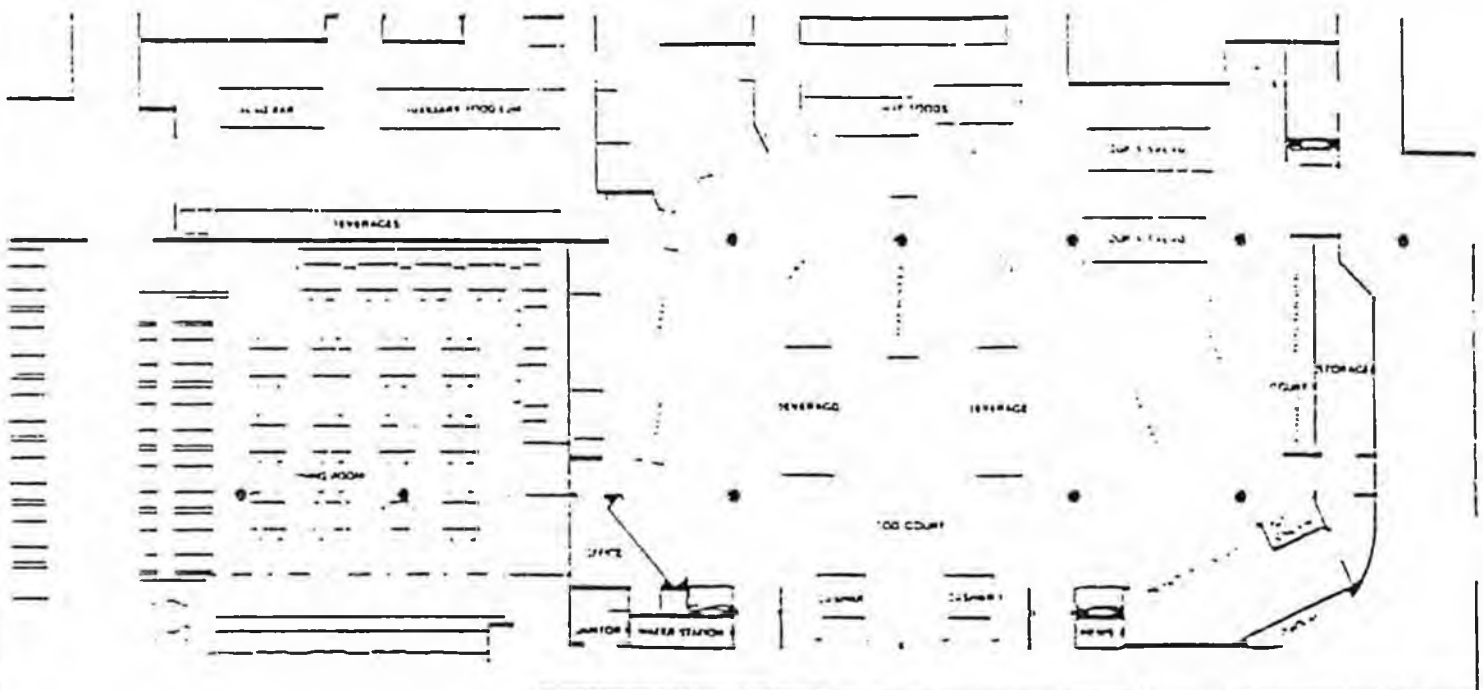
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- Existing Housing
Sagnon Lane
- Student Housing Phase II
- Existing Tanglewood Housing

STUDENT HOUSING PHASE II will support both existing and new housing with food service.

FOOD SERVICE - an essential part of a campus residential life program



	300 Beds Plus Food Service	500 Beds Plus Food Service
Project Costs		
Food Service for 500 300 Beds	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
300 Beds	\$11,500,000	N/A
	N/A	\$21,000,000
Total Project Cost	\$19,000,000	\$28,500,000
Bond Issuance Costs		
Fees	\$100,000	\$100,000
Issuer Discount	\$243,000	\$364,500
Capitalized Interest	\$2,756,800	\$4,134,300
Required Debt Service Reserve	\$2,541,250	\$3,961,375
Interest Earned during Construction	(\$451,385)	(\$677,323)
Rounding	\$1,035	\$1,555
Total Bonds Issued	\$24,290,000	\$36,385,000
Debt Term		
Annual Debt Service	15 years \$2,540,000	15 years \$3,310,000
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TOTAL BOND PAYSACK	\$38,100,000	\$57,150,000

TABLE IV.12: -

Expected Occupancy of Students

<u>Year</u>	<u>Occupancy by Phase *</u>	<u>Accumulated Occupancy *</u>	<u>Demand for Occupancy</u>	<u>Occupancy Year</u>
1970	1114	1114	500	1114
1971	1114	2228	1,000	1114
1972	1114	3342	1,500	1114
1973	1114	4456	2,000	1114
1974	440	4896	2,400	1114
1975	440	5336	2,800	1114
1976	440	5776	3,200	1114

* * Expected occupancy per construction schedule

The recommendation is for the purpose of facility programming rather than just demand for student housing.

** Information from Campus Housing Feasibility Study/Market Analysis by Leonard Lane Associates.

TABLE 17.11:

Applications and Placement in Housing
 as a Percentage of Full-time Enrollment,
 by Control and Type of Institution,
 Fall 1980

Control and Type of Institution	Housing Applications as a Percentage of Full-time Enrollment	Students Placed in Housing as a Percentage of	
		Housing Applications	Full-time Enrollment
All Institutions	48	36	33
Universities	40	34	33
4-year Colleges	51	37	43
2-year Colleges	43	15	23
Public Institutions	50	33	31
Universities	48	36	31
4-year Colleges	43	19	34
2-year Colleges	39	36	24
Private Institutions	51	38	33
Universities	53	79	42
4-year Colleges	52	35	39
2-year Colleges	73	66	30

UAA % of students placed in housing is 2.6%

* Information from Campus Housing Feasibility Study/Market Analysis by Leonard Lane Associates.



RESOLUTION 94-0228

A RESOLUTION BY THE GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGARDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FACILITIES REPAIR AND
REHABILITATION BOND ISSUANCE

WHEREAS, the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce recognizes the significant economic and cultural contribution the University of Alaska makes to our community and the State of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska-Fairbanks campus is the site for 60 percent of the University of Alaska statewide buildings, and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of those buildings are more than 20 years old and the total averages 24 years, and

WHEREAS, maintenance/repair work on subject buildings has been woefully neglected over the years, and

WHEREAS, several of University of Alaska's major facilities, i.e., Bunnell, Schaible Auditorium, Eielson, student housing and others are in need of major repair and rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has requested the Alaska State Legislature to authorize the issuance of \$75 million in bonds to partially finance the cost of major repair and rehabilitation projects required by University of Alaska facilities to extend the economic life of subject buildings, bring the structures in compliance with building codes, and improve major general operating efficiencies of the facilities, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce requests the Legislature to fund the repair and rehabilitation costs of University of Alaska facilities by issuing bonds as required in the passage of House Bill 466 and Senate Bill 304.

Dated this 28th Day of February, 1994.

By

Margo Goodhew
President/CEO

By

Keith D. Burke
Chairman of the Board

HB 466/SB 304 — Bonding for repair and rehabilitation of UA facilities

The Background

After years of inadequate funding, the backlog of deferred maintenance projects now totals more than \$150 million for the University of Alaska system. Over the past decade, the university has sought nearly \$180 million for maintenance projects, and received less than one third of that amount. The result is that the facilities on every campus, particularly the oldest campuses in Fairbanks and Ketchikan, are in dangerous states of disrepair.

Colleges and universities around the country face similar problems. In 1988, inadequate funding forced U.S. colleges and universities to defer \$4 of needed maintenance for every dollar spent. The combination of flat funding and increasing enrollments continue to force institutions of higher education to "spend down" plant assets to meet these conflicting demands. The associated costs of these efforts are considerable. In addition to obvious problems of health and safety, there is a major loss of program flexibility, energy efficiency, and optimum space utilization in deteriorating facilities.

The Board of Regents has made capital improvement maintenance its highest priority and the university wants the problem resolved this year either through passage of bonding legislation or direct appropriation. Further, to avoid slipping backwards, the regents are requiring a three-to-four-year plan to increase the amount of funds directed to ongoing maintenance.

Current Status

The governor and the legislature have a strong commitment to protecting the state's investment in its infrastructure. At the request of Governor Hickel, House Bill 466 and Senate Bill 304 have been introduced to address \$75 million of the problem. The bills call for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to issue \$30 million in bonds for student housing, and the university to issue another \$45 million in bonds for repair of classroom, office and laboratory facilities throughout the system.

Over the past decade, the university has sought nearly \$180 million for maintenance projects, and received less than one third of that amount.

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Bonds make sense this year because the state's outstanding debt service is declining, and bond interest rates last year were the lowest since the 1960s.

For information on bonding

Position Paper

contact:

Wendy Redman 474-4782, Fairbanks
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Senator Robin L. Taylor

MEMORANDUM

**TO: Senator Steve Rieger, Chair
Senate HES Committee**

FROM: Senator Robin L. Taylor

DATE: 4/20/94

REF: Addition of Student Housing to UA Bond Package

As your committee considers the possible expansion of the bond package requested by the Board of Regents for deferred maintenance to include new student housing, please consider including this modest proposal from the Ketchikan Campus-UAS.

There is currently no student housing at Ketchikan. Expansion of housing availability at the Juneau campus, combined with the existing housing at Sitka would put Ketchikan at a serious competitive disadvantage in efforts to attract a larger student population.

I believe UAS-Ketchikan should be included in any expansion of the bond package in the amount of \$1.5 million. That would cover land acquisition, site preparation and the design and construction of a facility housing 20 students. Option B of the Ketchikan proposal would provide a facility that could be used for single or family student housing. The two-bedroom apartment design, with a kitchen area would be preferable over the dorm-style rooms, which would require a communal kitchen and its associated costs.

District A:

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University of Alaska Southeast
Facilities Planning & Construction
P.O. Box 210049
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April 11, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Marshall Lind, Chancellor
University of Alaska Southeast

Fran Felnerman, Director
Ketchikan Campus

FROM: Jack Wolever, Regional Director
Facilities Planning & Construction

JACK WOLEVER - MRG

RE: KETCHIKAN HOUSING

Enclosed are three options for student housing. Option A is Residence Hall Housing similar to the Juneau proposal but with some accommodation for cooking. It is the lowest cost per bed solution. It will not meet needs of the single parent or family student.

Option B is the most appropriate solution providing two bedroom apartments that can be used for single or family student housing. Each can accommodate up to 4 students.

Option C is efficiency style apartments. I have assumed that no more than 2 students could share an efficiency because of lack of space. This is the most costly solution measured by the cost per bed.

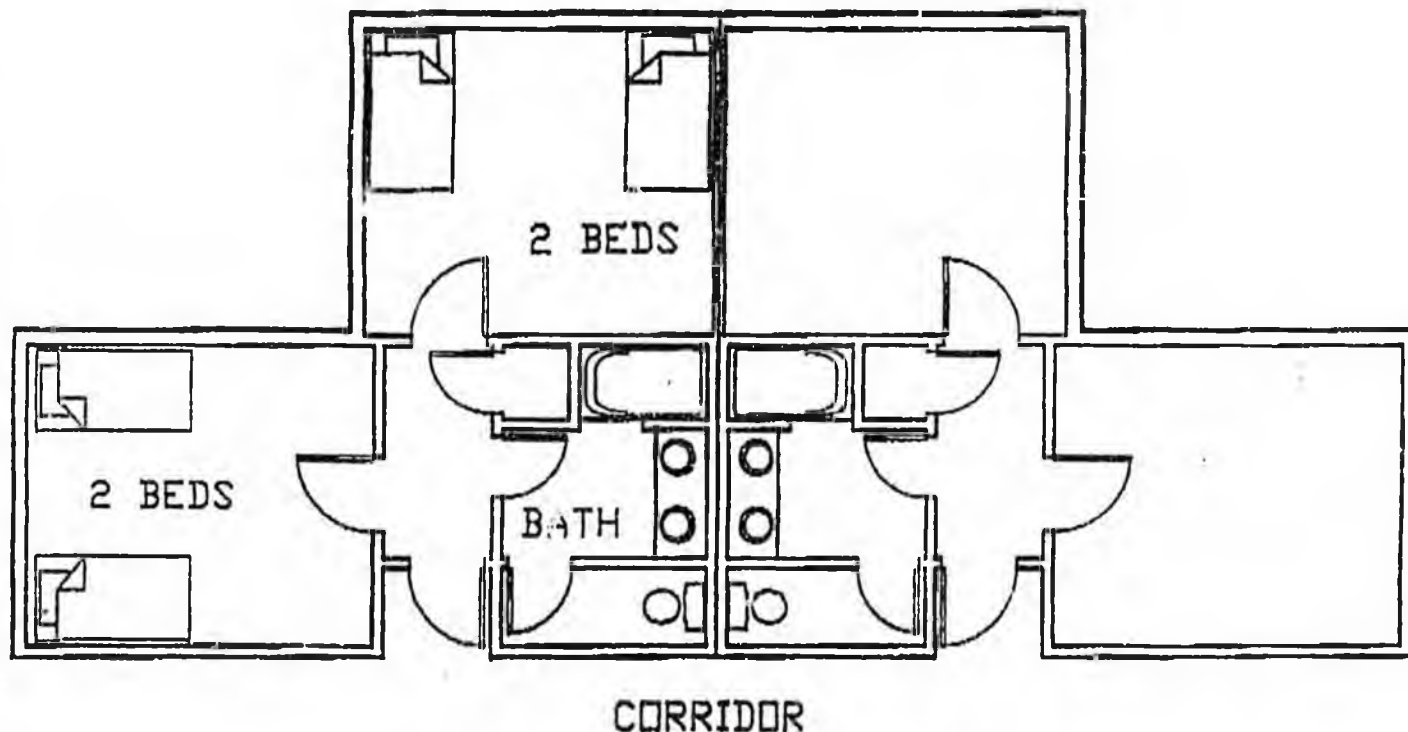
Please let us know what adjustments to these options, or what additional options, you would like to see.

Attachments

cc: Mike Greene
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UAS Ketchikan Student Housing

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OPTION A - Single Student Housing

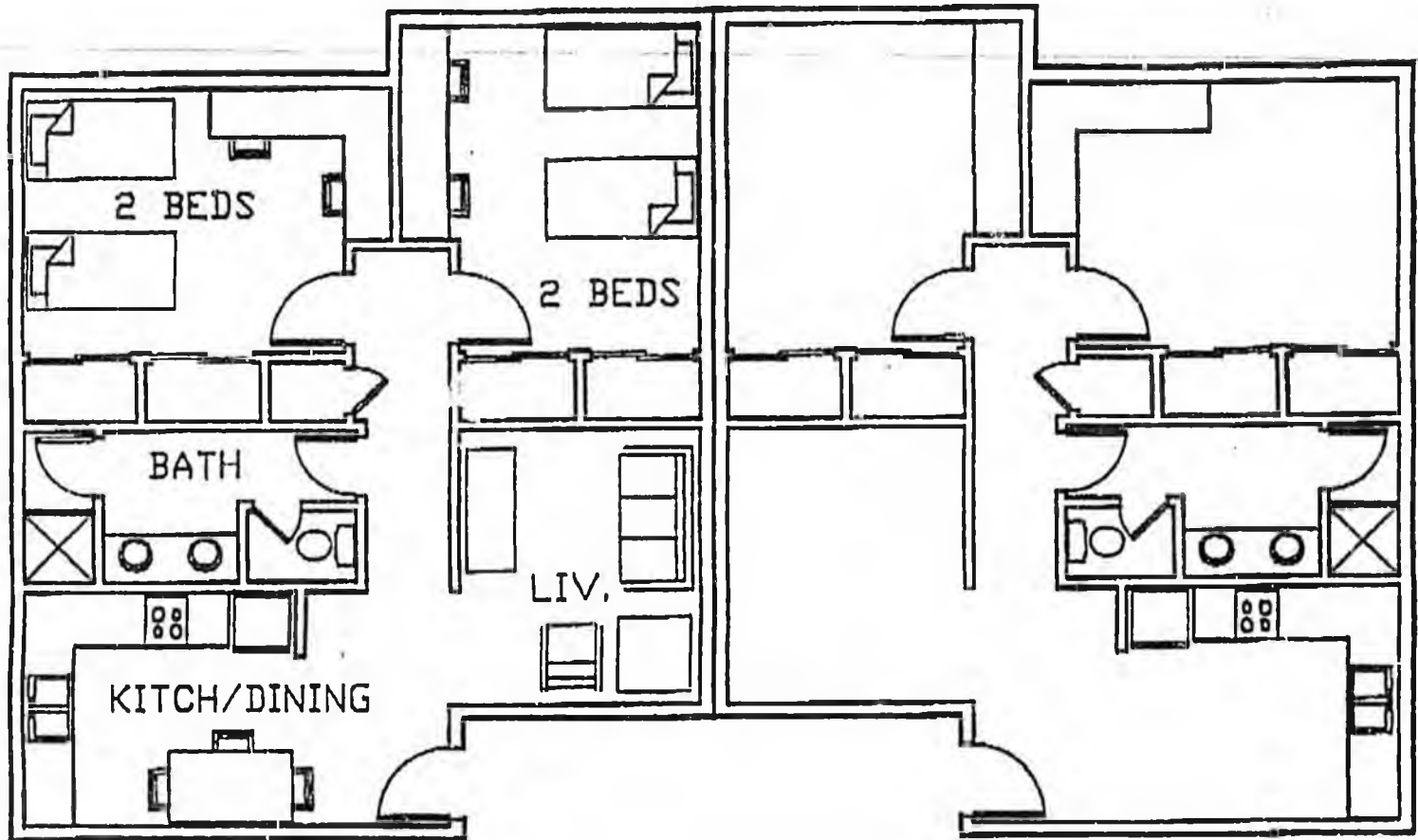
RESIDENCE HALL WITH COMMUNAL LIVING/DINING/KITCHEN AREAS
 EACH ROOM PROVIDES FOR TWO STUDENTS (BEDS)
 TWO DORM ROOMS SHARE A SEMI-PRIVATE BATH
 TEN DORM ROOMS TOTAL - 20 STUDENT CAPACITY

544 GSF/UNIT X 5 SUITES = 2,720 GSF	+ 500 GSF KITCH/LIVING
	+ 100 GSF MECHANICAL + 400 GSF CIRCULATION
3,720 GSF X \$ 158.46/GSF = \$ 590,000	CONSTRUCTION COST
	59,000 SITE DEVELOPMENT
	865,000 PROJECT COST
\$ 43,250	COST PER BED

plus property acquisition

UAS Ketchikan Student Housing

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OPTION B - Single or Family Student Housing

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS
 EACH BEDROOM ACCOMMODATES TWO BEDS
 5 APARTMENTS TOTAL
 20 STUDENT CAPACITY

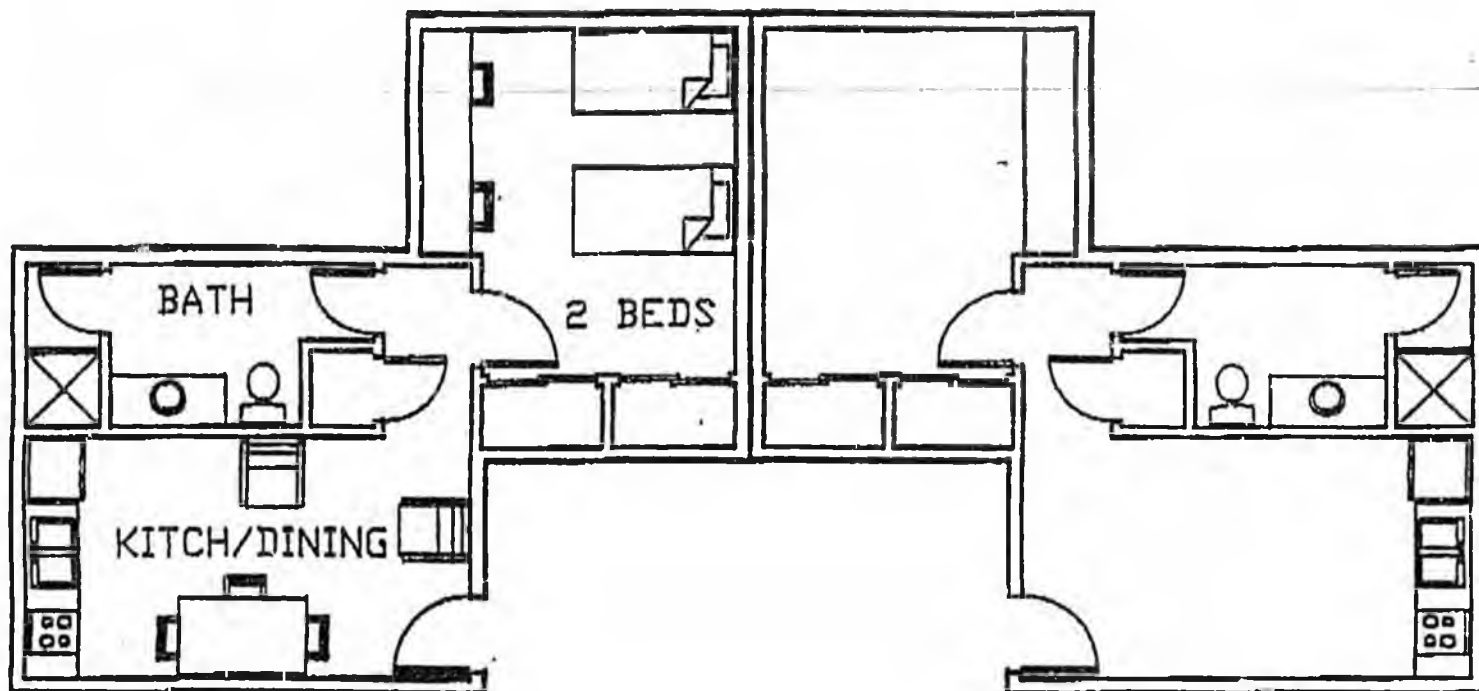
923 GSF/UNIT X 5 UNITS = 4,615 GSF + 100 GSF MECHANICAL
 = 4,715 GSF

4,715 GSF X \$ 158.46/GSF = \$ 747,000	CONSTRUCTION COST
74,000	SITE DEVELOPMENT
1,094,000	PROJECT COST
\$ 54,700	COST PER BED

+ property acquisition

UAS Ketchikan Student Housing

Facilities Planning and Construction



OPTION C - Single or Family Student Housing

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENTS -- EFFICIENCY STYLE
EACH BEDROOM ACCOMMODATES TWO BEDS
10 APARTMENTS TOTAL
20 STUDENT CAPACITY

548 GSF/UNIT X 10 UNITS = 5,480 GSF + 100 GSF MECHANICAL
= 5,580 GSF

5,580 GSF X \$ 158.46/GSF = \$ 884,000	CONSTRUCTION COST
88,000	SITE DEVELOPMENT
1,296,000	PROJECT COST
\$ 64,800	COST PER BED

+ property acquisition

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE
STUDENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PHASE II
FY 95

project need:

The University of Alaska Anchorage needs and can support operationally additional STUDENT HOUSING. UAA's Housing Master Plan projects housing growth to 1,436 beds in 1995, today there are 384 beds. Today, the UAA housing office gives preference to those students living beyond the greater Anchorage area. The housing office maintains substantial waiting lists throughout the semester for any available housing openings and today can provide housing to only 2.6% of its students. Local students are seldom able to derive benefits from an on-campus living experience.

UAA today needs 600 additional beds. Dorm style housing is the most cost effective and efficient method to provide this number of beds. Additionally, dorm style housing will provide UAA with a mix of housing types, that of new dormitory rooms and existing apartments.

This facility will include shared dorm rooms with associated compartmentalized bathrooms, accessory spaces for study, lounge, laundry etc. and food service. A food service plan will be a part of the housing program for dorm and apartment students and is an essential part of a campus residential life program.

An alternative that would meet a portion of the demand would be the reduction to a 300 bed facility with food service.

project budget: \$28,500,000

A capital appropriation of \$28.5 million, will fund planning, design and construction costs. This facility would be constructed adjacent to the existing student housing facilities on University land.

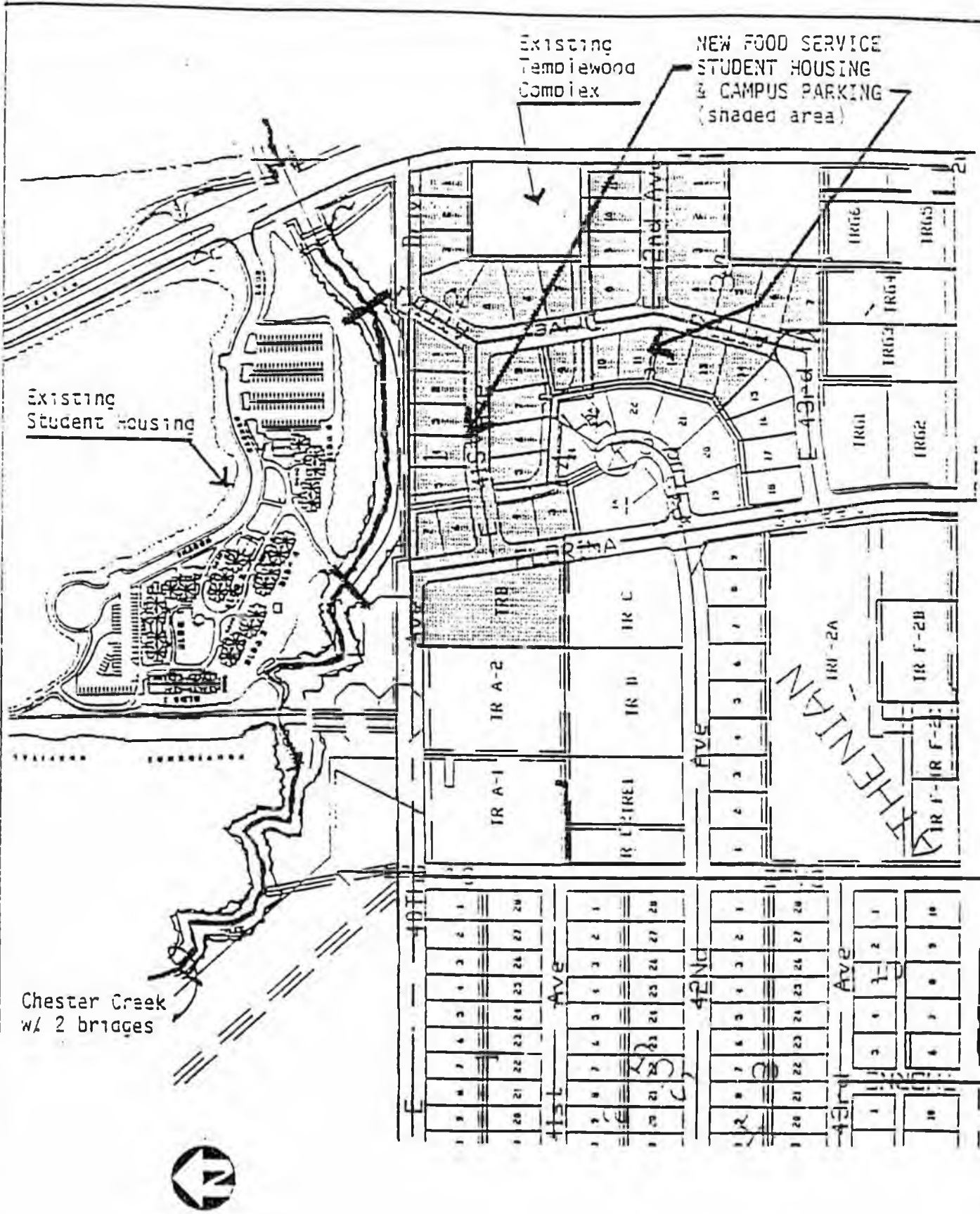
If bond indebtedness were to fund the 600 bed Phase II Housing Project, then the total cost would be \$57,150,000. This reflects a debt term of 15 years at an annual debt service cost of \$3,810,000 per year.

The cost for a 300 bed Phase II Housing Project would be capital cost of \$19 million, with a bond indebtedness cost of \$38,100,000 with a debt term of 15 years with annual debt service cost of \$2,540,000 per year.

project benefit:

This additional student housing will benefit the University of Alaska Anchorage with additional beds, affording more students a residential campus-life experience. Additional benefits will accrue to the Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska with more students spending money in the community for goods and services, creating an economic benefit for those business. This would provide additional tax revenue in the community. *- What about the other... that pay for it?*

The additional beds will also provide the University of Alaska Anchorage a greater opportunity for summer educational conferences, which will bring educators from across the country to our city, which also translates into additional revenue to our community and the State of Alaska.

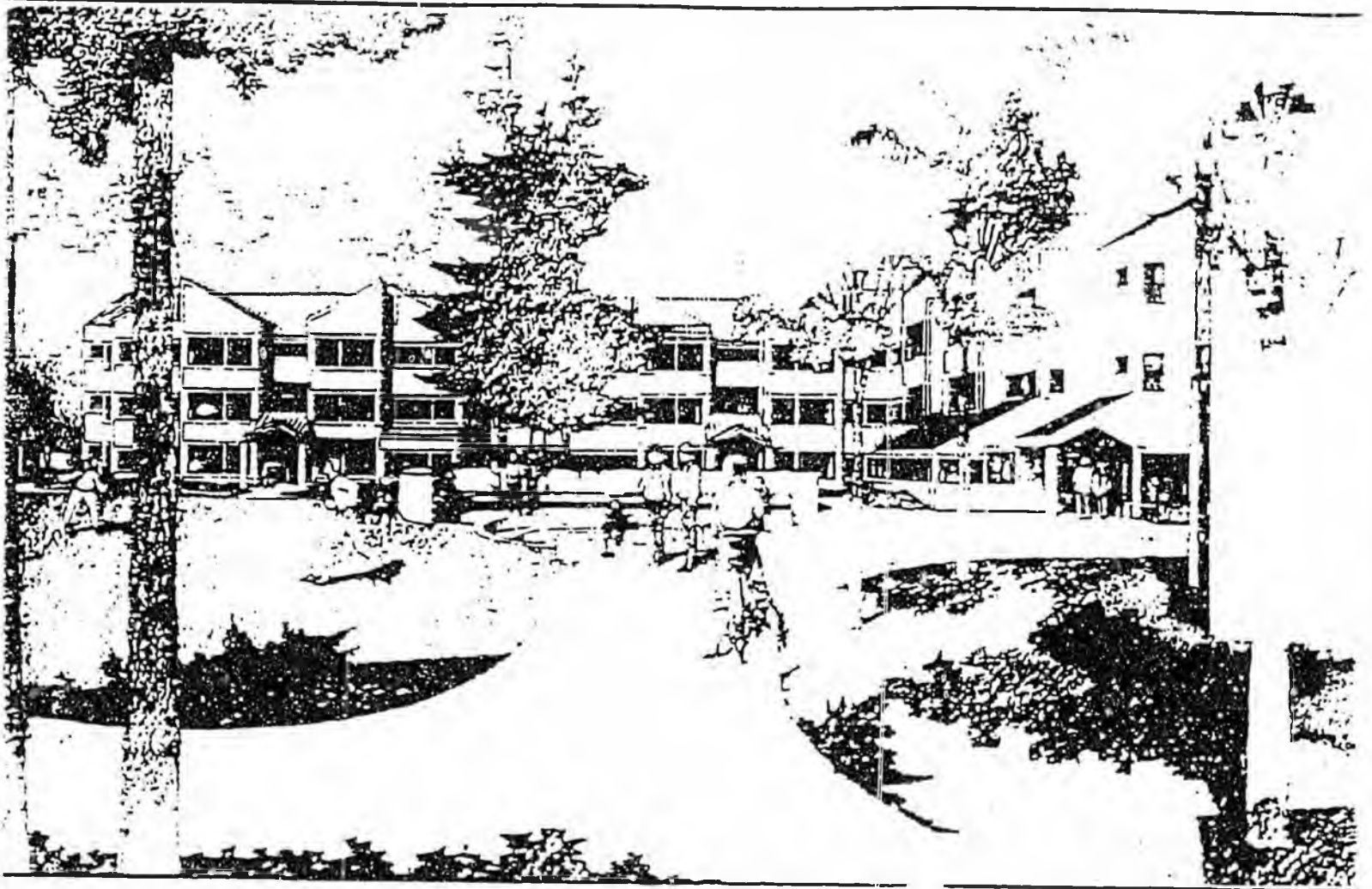


**FACILITIES INVENTORY
SITE PLAN**



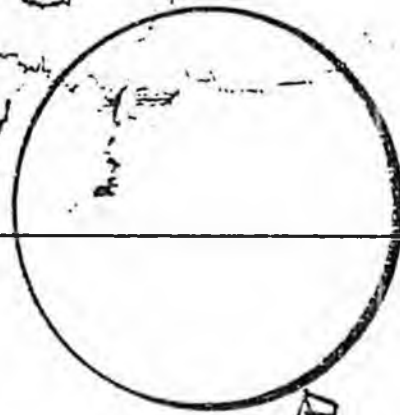
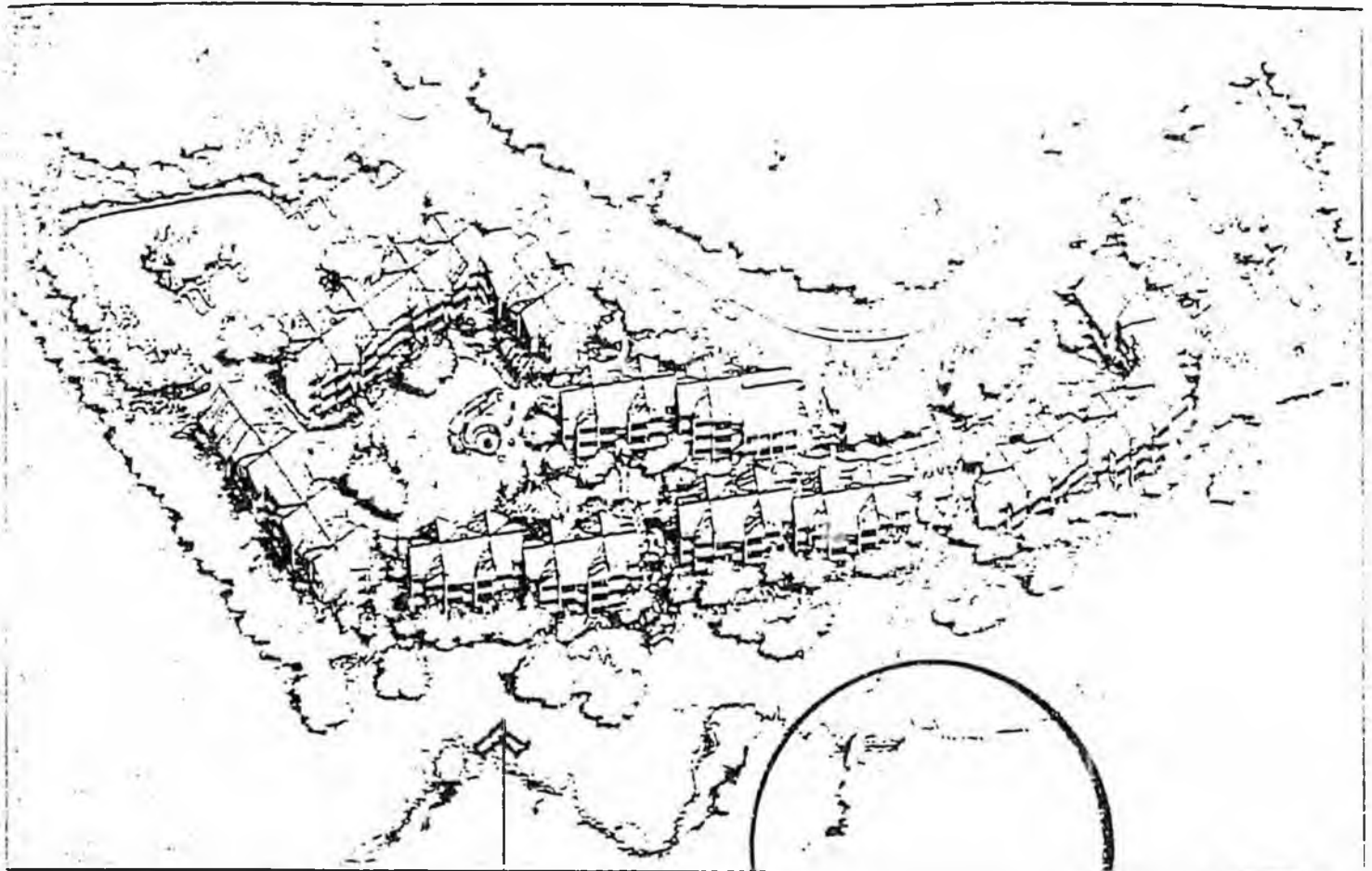
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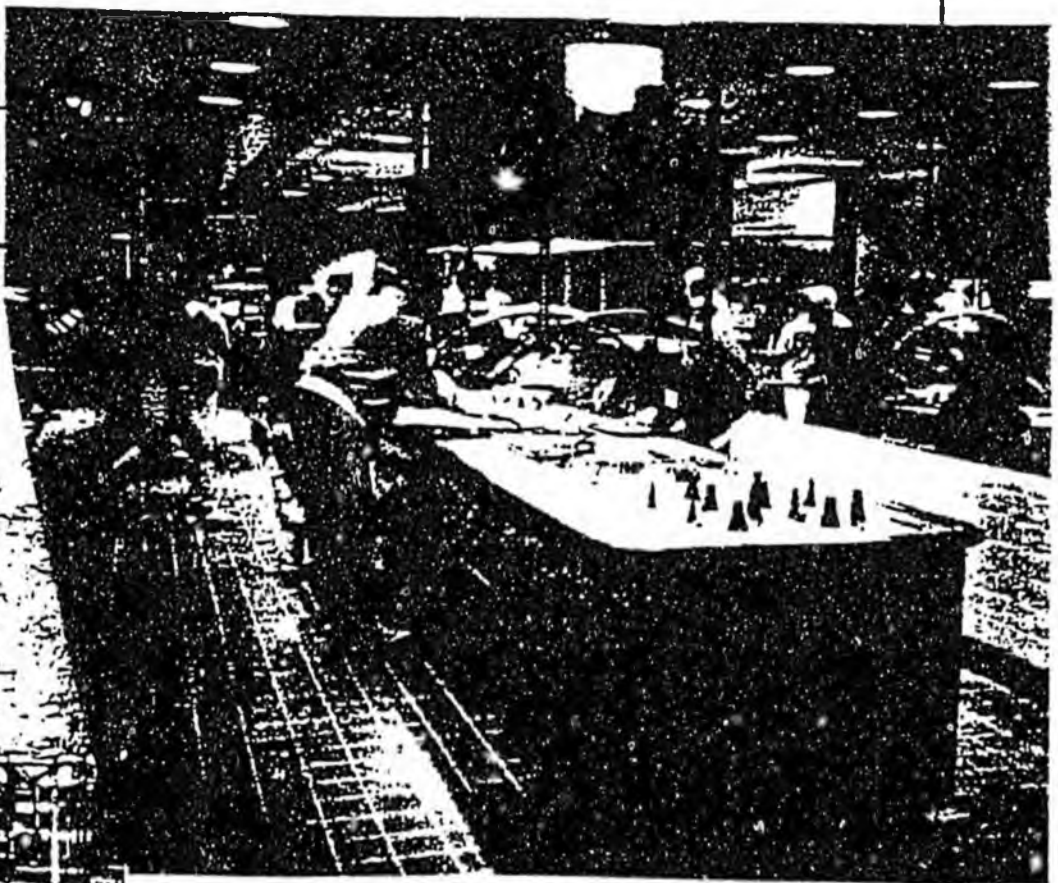
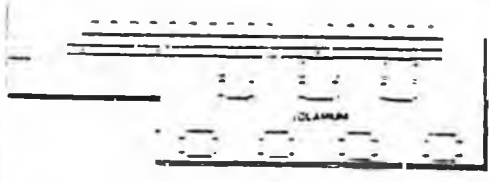
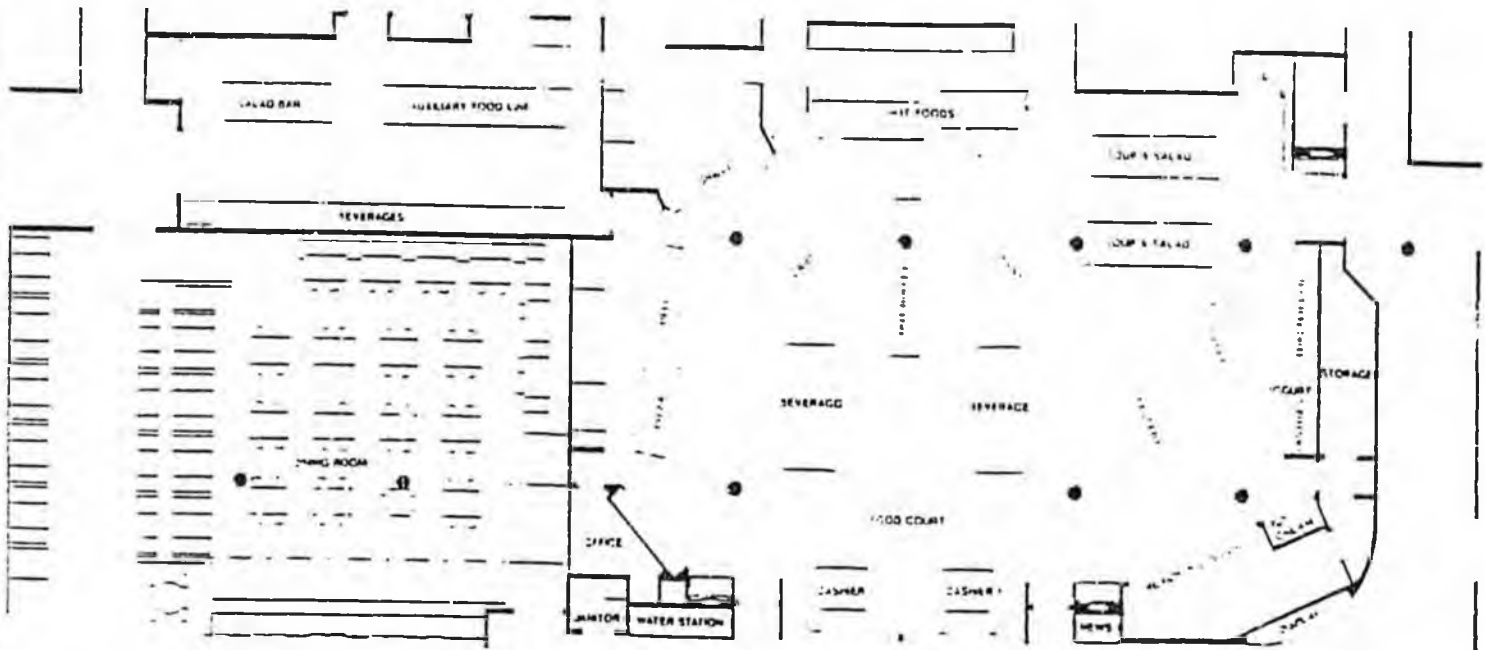
Existing Housing
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Student Housing Phase II

Existing Templewood Housing

STUDENT HOUSING PHASE II will support both existing and new housing with food service.

FOOD SERVICE - an essential part of a campus residential life program



	300 Beds Plus Food Service	600 Beds Plus Food Service
Project Costs		
Food Service for 600	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
300 Beds	\$11,500,000	N/A
600 Beds	N/A	\$21,000,000
Total Project Cost	\$19,000,000	\$28,500,000
Bond Issuance Costs		
Fees	\$100,000	\$100,000
Issuer Discount	\$243,000	\$364,500
Capitalized Interest	\$2,756,600	\$4,134,900
Required Debt Service Reserve	\$2,641,250	\$3,961,375
Interest Earned during Construction	(\$451,385)	(\$677,323)
Rounding	\$1,035	\$1,553
Total Bonds Issued	\$24,290,000	\$36,385,000
Debt Term	15 years	15 years
Annual Debt Service	\$2,540,000	\$3,810,000
TOTAL BOND PAYBACK	\$38,100,000	\$57,150,000

TABLE IV.12: **

Expected Occupancy of Students

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Occupancy By Phase *</u>	<u>Accumulated Occupancy *</u>	<u>Demand for Occupancy</u>	<u>Occupancy Year</u>
1	224	224	950	1985
2	224	448	1,060	1987
3	224	672	1,162	1989
4	448	1,120	1,436	1995
5	448	1,568	1,634	2000
6	248	1,816	1,813	2005

* = Expected occupancy per construction schedule

The recommendation is for the purpose of facility programming rather than just demand for student housing.

** Information from Campus Housing Feasibility Study/Market Analysis by Leonard Lane Associates.

TABLE IV.13:

Applications and Placement in Housing
As a Percentage of Full-time Enrollment,
By Control and Type of Institution,
Fall 1980

Control and Type of Institution	Housing Applications as a Percentage of Full-time Enrollment	Students Placed in Housing as a Percentage of	
		Housing Applications	Full-time Enrollment
All Institutions	46	35	39
Universities	40	34	33
4-year Colleges	51	37	45
2-year Colleges	43	75	32
Public Institutions	38	33	32
Universities	36	36	31
4-year Colleges	43	79	34
2-year Colleges	28	36	24
Private Institutions	61	38	53
Universities	53	79	42
4-year Colleges	62	95	59
2-year Colleges	75	66	50

UAA % of students placed in housing is 2.6%

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SB 229 might be tagged
on to SB 304. SB 229 is
a bill to buy a 600
bed dormitory at UAA at
the price of \$28.5 million.
Construction costs are \$47,500
per bed. I don't see any
reason why students can't
live in apartments. The beds
in SB 304 are needed for
maintenance. Should we allow them
to build a new dorm when they
can't take care of the buildings
they've got?