



Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott
STATE OF ALASKA

March 7, 2018

Representative Jason Grenn
4611 Caravelle Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Re: 17AKGA, "An Act relating to government accountability to the People of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Grenn:

I have reviewed your petition for the initiative entitled "An Act relating to government accountability to the People of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" and have determined that the petition was properly filed. My notice of proper filing is enclosed. Specifically, the petition was signed by qualified voters from all 40 house districts equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election; with signatures from 39 house districts matching or exceeding seven percent of those who voted in the preceding general election in the house district. The Division of Elections verified 40,867 voter signatures, which exceeds the 32,127 signature requirement based on the 2016 general election. A copy of the Petition Statistics Report prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed.

With the assistance of the attorney general, I have prepared the following ballot title and proposition that meets the requirements of AS 15.45.180:

An Act Relating to Government Accountability to the People of the State of Alaska

This act would restrict a legislator from taking or withholding official action that would help or harm the financial interests of certain people. These people include a legislator's family, employer, potential employer, and anyone from whom the legislator or his or her immediate family earned more than \$10,000 in the prior year. The act would require a legislator to declare conflicts of interest before voting in a legislative committee. And it would require a legislator to ask to be excused from voting in the legislature if the legislator has a financial conflict. The act would prevent lobbyists from offering or giving legislators gifts of alcoholic drinks or significant food. The act would ban legislators from receiving per diem after the first 121 days of a regular legislative session, until they pass a budget bill or the next regular session begins. The act would prohibit the state from paying for foreign travel by legislators, unless it clearly benefits the state and serves a legislative purpose. The bill would also restrict money that foreign-influenced corporations could spend to influence a state or local candidate election. The Alaska Public Offices Commission would adopt regulations to enforce this part of the act.

Should this initiative become law?

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This ballot proposition will appear on the election ballot of the first statewide general, special, or primary election that is held after (1) the petition has been filed; (2) a legislative session has convened and adjourned; and (3) a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the legislative session. Barring an unforeseen special election or change in the scheduled adjournment of the current legislative session, this proposition is scheduled to appear on the election ballot on the August 21, 2018 primary election. If a majority of the votes cast on the initiative proposition favor its adoption, the proposed law is enacted, I shall so certify. The act becomes effective 90 days after certification.

Please be advised that under AS 15.45.210, this petition will be void if I, with the formal concurrence of the attorney general, determine that an act of the legislature that is substantially the same as the proposed law was enacted after the petition has been filed and before the date of the election. I will advise you in writing of my determination in this matter.

Please be advised that under AS 15.45.240, any person aggrieved by my determination set out in this letter may bring an action in the superior court to have the determination reversed within 30 days of the date on which notice of the determination was given.

If you have questions or comments about the ongoing initiative process, please contact my staff, Scott Meriwether, at (907) 465-4081.

Sincerely,



Byron Mallott
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

cc: Jahna Lindemuth, Attorney General
Josephine Bahnke, Director of Elections