

## **22AKHE Lieutenant Governor and Division of Elections Statement of Cost**

As required by AS 15.45.090(a)(3), the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Division of Elections have prepared the following statement of costs to implement the proposed ballot initiative.

### **Lieutenant Governor**

Under Alaska Statute 15.45.195, at least 30 days before the election at which an initiative is to appear on the ballot, the lieutenant governor or a designee of the lieutenant governor shall hold two or more public hearings concerning the initiative in each judicial district of the state. Each public hearing under this section shall include the written or oral testimony of one supporter and one opponent of the initiative.

Estimated cost of travel for Lt. Governor and one staff member **\$15,000**

### **Division of Elections**

The minimum cost to the Division of Elections associated with certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition, excluding legal costs to the state and the costs to the state of any challenge to the validity of the petition, and the estimated cost of implementing the initiative should it become law are estimated to be \$2,608,106.

### **Estimate by Category**

Petition Review	\$77,937
Petition Printing Services	\$1,382
Language Translations of Initiative Text	\$28,787
<u>Implementation Costs if Ballot Measure Becomes Law</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,608,106</u></b>

### **Analysis of Fiscal Impact of Ballot Initiative**

#### **Initiative Petition Review**

Personal Services: Six temporary employees to review signatures for 2,520 hours.

Estimated cost: \$52,793.

Certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition estimated for 504 hours.

Estimated cost: \$25,144.

Printing Services: Printing service expenses associated with certification of the initiative application and review of initiative petition.

Printing of voter booklets: \$1,382

**Language Translation of Initiative Text**

Estimated cost of translating the ballot measure language for audio and sample ballots and, Official Election Pamphlet pro statement, Official Election Pamphlet con statement and Official Election Pamphlet neutral summary into 14 languages required by the Toyukak Settlement and Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Estimated cost: \$28,787

**Implementation Costs if Ballot Measure Becomes Law**

A public education campaign will need to take place to inform candidates, voters, and election workers of the changes to the primary and general election processes. Costs include media advertising in English and other languages required by the Toyukak Settlement and Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Estimated cost: \$2,500,000

**TOTAL all categories            \$2,623,106**