



Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell
STATE OF ALASKA

February 26, 2013

Ed Flanagan
15360 Glacier Highway
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: 13MINW, "An Act to Increase Alaska's Minimum Wage"

Dear Mr. ^{Ed} Flanagan:

I have reviewed your petition for the initiative entitled "*An Act to Increase Alaska's Minimum Wage*" and have determined that the petition was properly filed. My notice of proper filing is enclosed. Specifically, the petition was signed by qualified voters (1) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election; (2) resident in at least three-fourths of the house districts in the state; and (3) who, in each of the house districts, are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who voted in the preceding general election in the house district. The Division of Elections verified 36,840 voter signatures and 40 house districts, which exceeds the 30,169 signature requirement based on the 2012 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 to Increase Alaska's Minimum Wage

This bill would raise Alaska's minimum wage from \$7.75 per hour to \$8.75 per hour as of January 1, 2015. The bill would raise the minimum wage to \$9.75 per hour as of January 1, 2016. The bill would adjust the minimum wage each year for inflation after 2016. The bill creates a method for this adjustment. Under the bill, if the adjusted minimum wage is less than one dollar over the federal minimum wage, Alaska's minimum wage will be one dollar over the federal minimum. Tips or gratuities would not count toward the minimum wage.

The bill has a statement of findings and declaration. This statement gives reasons for the bill. The reasons pertain to quality of life for low income workers, the effect of increases in the cost of living, the relationship of the Alaska minimum wage to the federal poverty level, and the minimum wage in other states.

Should this initiative become law?

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

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adjourned; and (3) a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the legislative session. Barring an unforeseen special election, this proposition is scheduled to appear on the election ballot on the August 19, 2014 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, Michelle Tooliey, at (907) 269-7460.

Sincerely,



Mead Treadwell
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

cc: Michael C. Geraghty, Attorney General
Gail Fenuinai, Director of Elections