




Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell
STATE OF ALASKA

February 26, 2014

The Honorable Charlie Huggins
Senate President
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear President Huggins and  Speaker Chenault:

I have determined that the initiative petition 13MINW for an initiative entitled "An Act to Increase Alaska's Minimum Wage," has been properly filed, and I have directed the Division of Elections to place the ballot title and proposition on the August 19, 2014 Primary Election ballot. A copy of the proposed law is also attached. The ballot title and proposition for 13MINW is:

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?

The Alaska Constitution Article XI, Section 4, and AS 15.45.210, provide the opportunity for an act of the legislature to void the petition, if the act is determined to be substantially the same as the initiative proposal. If I make such a determination under AS 15.45.210, 13MINW will not appear on the ballot.

Please feel free to contact my office should you have any questions about this initiative or the initiative process. My staff Michelle Toohey (269-7460) will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mead Treadwell", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mead Treadwell
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosure

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