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February 2, 2026

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Re: 24ESEG Ballot Title and Summary

Dear 24ESEG Committee Members:

The Lt. Governor, with the assistance of the Attorney General, has updated the ballot title and summary for 24ESEG. In accordance with AS 15.45.180 and AS 15.45.190, and barring a contrary determination made by the Alaska Courts, the Lt. Governor has requested the Director of the Division of Elections place the following ballot title and amended proposition language on the first statewide general, special, or primary election that is held after a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the current legislative session.

**An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries and Single-Choice General Elections
and Repealing Recent Campaign Finance Laws**

This act would get rid of open primary elections, where all candidates appear on one ballot. It would also get rid of ranked-choice general elections. It would bring back political party primaries and single-choice general elections. It would also repeal certain campaign finance rules that were added by a 2020 ballot measure.

Elections would occur as they did before open primaries and ranked choice voting. In the primary election, voters would choose a party's ballot, unless prohibited by the party's bylaws. They would only vote for candidates on that ballot. The winning candidate from each primary would be the party's nominee. In the general election, voters would vote for only one candidate in each race. The candidate with the most votes would win. Party petitions, special runoff elections, and other processes would return.

This act would also repeal campaign finance rules that were passed in 2020. It would remove the limits on donations to joint campaigns for governor and lieutenant governor. It would remove limits and disclosure rules under current law, including for digital ads, out-of-state donations, undisclosed donations, and the true source of donations. It would change the meaning of a campaign expenditure and remove some fines.

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I have included a copy of Attorney General's letter for your review. If you have questions or concerns about this decision, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Lt. Governor's Office.

Kind Regards,



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Office of the Lt. Governor

Enclosures

cc: Stephen J. Cox, Attorney General
Thomas Flynn, Chief Assistant Attorney General
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February 2, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
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Re: *24ESEG Updated Ballot Title and Summary*
AGO No. 2025200007

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Attorney General's office proposes the following updated ballot title and proposition for the initiative 24ESEG. Below is a title with 16 words and a summary with 203 words. Using the readability formula described in AS 15.80.005(c), the summary has a score of 55.96. This is below the target score of 60, but the Alaska Supreme Court has upheld ballot summaries with lower scores.¹ We submit this ballot title and summary for your consideration:

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¹ See *Pebble P'ship ex rel. Pebble Mines Corp. v. Parnell*, 215 P.3d 1064, 1082–84 (Alaska 2009).

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Please contact us if we can further assist you in this matter.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. COX
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:



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