

## 24ESEG - Statement of Costs

### Multi Agency Cost Summary

#### Agency

Alaska Public Offices Commission	\$6,975
Office of the Lieutenant Governor	\$15,000
Office of the Lieutenant Governor – Division of Elections	\$2,608,983
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,630,958</b>

#### Estimate of Costs to the Alaska Public Offices Commission

As required by AS 15.45.090(a)(4), the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) has prepared the following statement of costs to implement the proposed ballot initiative.

The proposed initiative seeks to repeal provisions of Ballot Measure 2 passed by voters in the 2020 state general election. If passed the initiative would repeal certain reporting requirements for persons engaged in independent expenditure activities and their contributors; and certain identifier requirements for political communications.

Approximately 60 programming hours will be required to design, test, and deploy changes to the agency's online filing program. Estimated Cost: ~\$3,975

Approximately 30 staff hours will be required to revise, publish notice, and adopt regulations needed to implement the measure. Estimated Cost: ~\$3,000

Estimated cost to amend APOC's online filing program and adopt new regulations     **\$6,975**

#### Estimate of Costs to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Division of Elections

As required by AS 15.45.090(a)(3), the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Division of Elections has 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 and LIO services 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, is estimated to be \$2,608,983.

#### Estimate by Category

Personal Services	\$81,626
Printing Services	\$1,505
Voter Education	\$2,500,000
<u>Language Assistance</u>	<u>\$25,852</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,608,983</b>

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### Analysis of Fiscal Impact of Ballot Initiative

#### **Initiative Petition Review**

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

Estimated cost: \$57,312

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

Estimated cost: \$24,314.

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

Printing of voter booklets: \$1,505

#### **Public Education Campaign**

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.

Estimated cost: \$2,500,000

#### **Language Assistance**

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 languages required by the Toyukak Settlement and Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Estimated cost: \$25,852

**TOTAL all categories: \$2,630,958**