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March 16, 2026

The Honorable John Coghill
P.O. Box 58003
Fairbanks, AK 99711

Re: 25USCV Notice of Proper Filing

Dear Senator Coghill:

I have reviewed your petition for the initiative entitled "An Act requiring that only United States citizens may be qualified to vote in Alaska elections" and have determined that the petition was properly filed. My notice of proper filing is enclosed. Specifically, the petition was signed by qualified voters from all 40 house districts equal in number to at least 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election; with signatures from at least 30 house districts matching or exceeding seven percent of those who voted in the preceding general election in the house district. The Division of Elections verified 34,944 voter signatures, which exceeds the 34,098 signature requirement based on the 2024 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 Addressing Voter Qualification

Alaska law requires that someone must be a United States citizen and meet other requirements to vote. This act would specify that only those who are United States citizens and meet the other requirements may vote. This act would not change the requirements to vote.

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 adjourned; and (3) a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the legislative session. Barring an unforeseen special election or adjournment of the current legislative session occurring on or before April 20, 2026, this proposition will be scheduled to appear on the general election ballot on the November 3, 2026, general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the initiative proposition favor its adoption, I shall so certify and the proposed law will be enacted. 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 was filed and before the date of the election. I will advise you in writing of my determination in this matter.

Please also 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, April Simpson, at (907) 465-4081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Dahlstrom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

cc: Stephen J. Cox, Attorney General
Thomas Flynn, Chief Assistant Attorney General
Carol Beecher, Director, Division of Elections