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Ken McCarty

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Re: 24ESEG Ballot Title and Summary

24ESEG Committee Members:

The Lieutenant Governor has revised the proposed ballot summary for citizens' initiative 24ESEG based on the Alaska Supreme Court's August 27, 2026, decision and guidance from the Alaska Attorney General. Under AS 15.45.180 and AS 15.45.190, the Lieutenant Governor has directed the Director of the Division of Elections to place the following ballot title and summary on the ballot for the November 3, 2026, general election.

**An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries, Ending Ranked-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. Candidates for governor and lieutenant governor would run separately in political party primaries and then together in the general election.

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.

Should this initiative become law?

I have included a copy of the Attorney General Opinion dated August 28, 2026, for your review. Please let me know if there are questions or if the Lieutenant Governor's Office may be of further assistance.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Simpson", is written over a yellow rectangular highlight.

April Simpson
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Enclosures

cc: Cori Mills, Attorney General
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