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The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
P.O. Box 110015
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Re: *24ESEG Updated Ballot Language*
AGO No. 2025200007

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

In accordance with the Alaska Supreme Court's August 27, 2026 order in the appeal brought by Catherine Giessel et al. and Repeal Now (S-19922/S-19931), the Attorney General's office proposes the following updated ballot proposition for the initiative 24ESEG.

Below is a summary with one added sentence that now totals 223 words. The readability score is 54.07 under the formula described in AS 15.80.005(c). This is below the target score of 60, but the Alaska Supreme Court has upheld ballot summaries with lower scores.¹ We submit this proposed summary for your consideration:

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

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

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?

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

Sincerely,

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ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Flynn', with a stylized, flowing script.

Thomas Flynn
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