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Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBER SULLIVAN

Election Committee Chair

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel For reading: November 6, 2007

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO NO. 2007–152

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 1, 2008, A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING HOME RULE CHARTER ARTICLE XI, SECTION 11.02, ELECTION PROCEDURES, TO REQUIRE A RUN-OFF ELECTION IF NO CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR RECEIVES MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE VOTES CAST FOR THE OFFICE.

> WHEREAS, in 1977 the Anchorage Municipal Charter was amended to provide for runoff elections in the event that no candidate for the office of mayor received more than 40% of the votes cast; and

WHEREAS, by initiative petition and ballot proposition in 1999, the voters of Anchorage changed the threshold for determining mayoral run-off elections from 40% to 50% in Charter Section 11.02(b); and

 WHEREAS, by Assembly ordinance and ballot proposition in 2003, the threshold for determining mayoral run-off elections was changed from 50% to 45% in Charter Section 11.02(b); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 18.01 provides that the Charter may be amended only upon the concurrence of a majority of the qualified voters of Anchorage;

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

<u>Section 1</u>. A ballot proposition in substantially the same form as appears in Section 2 below shall be placed on the ballot and submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the regular municipal election on April 1, 2008.

Section 2. The proposition shall be presented in substantially the following form:

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PROPOSITION NO.

CHARTER AMENDMENT

TO REQUIRE A RUN-OFF ELECTION IF NO CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR RECEIVES MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE VOTES CAST FOR THE OFFICE.

Shall Anchorage Municipal Charter Article XI, Section 11.02(b), Election Procedures, be amended as follows to require a run-off election if no candidate for the office of Mayor receives more than 50% of the votes cast? (<u>Underlined</u> language is new and [BRACKETED] language will be deleted).

(b) If no candidate for the office of mayor receives more than 50 [45] percent of the votes cast for the office of mayor, the assembly within three weeks from the date of certification of the election, shall hold a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office. [RUN-OFF ELECTION UNDER THIS SECTION ARE NOT PURPOSED, HOWEVER, IN RACES WHERE THE NAMES OF NO MORE THAN TWO CANDIDATES APPEARED ON THE INITIAL BALLOT UNLESS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE RECEIVED MORE VOTES THAN A CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME IS ON THE BALLOT.]

(AO No. 252-76, prop. 1, 10-4-77; prop. 10, 5-4-99; AO No. 2001-42(S), prop. 4, 4-2-01; AO No. 2002-79, 4-1-03)

Yes [] No []

<u>Section 3</u>. Section 1 of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by two-thirds of the total membership of the Assembly as set forth in Charter Section 18.02.

<u>Section 4.</u> The proposition contained in Section 2 of this ordinance shall take effect and be incorporated into The Home Rule Charter for the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, upon certification of the regular election of April 1, 2008, or the date the United States Department of Justice issues its nonobjection, or the date by which the United States Department of Justice must object if no objection is issued within the objection period, but only if the proposition is passed by a majority of the qualified voters voting on said proposition at the regular municipal election of April 1, 2008.

PASSED A	AND APPROVED . 2007.	by	the	Anchorage	Assembly	this	 _day	of
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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

NO. AIM 109-2007

Meeting Date: December 11, 2007

From: Municipal Clerk's Office

Subject: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 1, 2008, A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING HOME RULE CHARTER ARTICLE XI, SECTION 11.02, ELECTION PROCEDURES, TO REQUIRE A RUN-OFF ELECTION IF NO

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR RECEIVES MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE VOTES CAST FOR THE OFFICE.

Attached to this memo is the Summary of Economic Effects for Ordinance No. AO 2007-152, an ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the Municipality of Anchorage at the Regular Municipal election on April 1, 2008, a ballot proposition amending Home Rule Charter Article XI, Section 11.02, Election Procedures, to require a run-off election if no candidate for the office of Mayor receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast for the office.

Prepared by: Guadalupe Marroquin, Election Coordinator, Municipal Clerk's Office

Submitted by: Barbara E. Gruenstein, Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 1, 2008, A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING HOME RULE CHARTER ARTICLE XI, SECTION 11.02, ELECTION PROCEDURES, TO REQUIRE A RUN-OFF ELECTION IF NO CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR RECEIVES MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE VOTES CAST FOR THE OFFICE.

AO Number: 2007-152

Title:

Sponsor: Preparing Agency: Assemblymember Sullivan Department of Assembly

Others Impacted:

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:				(In Thousands of Dollars)							
	FY07		FY08		FY09		FY10		FY11		
Operating Expenditures											
1000 Personal Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	138	\$	_	\$	_	
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4000 Debt Service		-		-		-		-		_	
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$	_	\$	-	\$	291	\$	-	\$		
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CAPITAL:

POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Costs for municipal elections would rise in mayoral years as run-off elections become more frequent due to the higher percentage required to win an election. Election costs average \$291,000, based on actuals 2002 - 2007 with the two highest years removed. During this period there has not been a runoff election. In mayoral election year 2003 a run off was avoided due to the 45% required majority, avoiding the cost of an additional election.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Increased revenue for election vendors and workers are the only private sector effects noted at this time.

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Agenda Document Control Sheet

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