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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 21, 1998 A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO AMEND ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER ARTICLE III, SUBSECTION 3.02(b) TO PROVIDE THAT VOTER INITIATED REFERENDUMS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTION AFTER FINAL CERTIFICATION OF A REFERENDUM PETITION FOR PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS

Section 1: A ballot proposition in substantially the following form and content shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at its regular election April 21, 1998:

> Proposition No. _ **AMENDING CHARTER SECTION 3.02(b) GOVERNING VOTER INITIATED REFERENDUMS**

Shall Anchorage Municipal Charter Section 3.02(b) be amended to read as follows:

(NOTE: New language is underlined and [DELETED LANGUAGE IS SHOWN IN CAPITAL LETTERS ENCLOSED BY BRACKETS].)

Section 3.02 Initiative and referendum.

Within ten days from the filing of a petition for initiative or referendum, the (b) municipal clerk shall certify on the petition whether or not it is sufficient. An initiative shall be submitted to the voters at the next regular election held at least 45 days after certification of the petition. A voter initiated referendum shall be submitted to the voters at a regular or special election held not later than 75 days after certification of the petition, unless the Assembly suspends the referred ordinance until a later election or the petitioners or petition sponsors consent to submission of the referendum at a later election to be set by the Assembly. [HOWEVER, THE ASSEMBLY MAY SUBMIT A REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS AT A LATER REGULAR OR SPECIAL ELECTION IF ASSEMBLY SUSPENDS THE ORDINANCE UNTIL THE ELECTION.]

(The remainder of this Charter section is not affected by this amendment and is therefore not set out.)

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