

See AO 2001-181(S)

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2001- 181

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SUBSECTION 28.40.010D.
2 AND REPEALING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 28.40.040 TO CLARIFY
3 AND SIMPLIFY BALLOT LANGUAGE AND CONTENT AND TO FACILITATE THE USE
4 OF NEW ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES.
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7 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

8 Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.40.040 is hereby repealed and subsection
9 28.40.010D. is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 28.40.010 Form of Ballots
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12 D. The propositions to be voted on shall follow the candidates for office or shall
13 be on separate ballots, as the municipal clerk may determine. Subject to
14 subsection A. of this section, ballots for propositions to be voted on shall
15 contain only the question posed by the proposition without explanation
16 preceded by an objectively stated, informative caption or title for the
17 proposition. The words "yes" and "no" shall appear below each proposition.
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19 28.40.040 [PROPOSITION SUMMARY]
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21 [A. FOR ALL MUNICIPAL PROPOSITIONS OVER 100 WORDS,
22 INCLUDING PROPOSITIONS SUBMITTED BY VOTER INITIATIVE
23 AND REFERENDUM, THE MUNICIPAL CLERK, IN CONSULTATION
24 WITH THE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, SHALL PLACE ON THE BALLOT
25 FOLLOWING THE TITLE OF EACH PROPOSITION, A TRUE,
26 IMPARTIAL AND CONCISE SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSITION NOT
27 EXCEEDING 100 WORDS AND IDENTIFIED AS A SUMMARY. THE
28 SUMMARY SHALL USE SHORT, DIRECT SENTENCES AND SIMPLE
29 LANGUAGE OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING.
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31 [1. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION A. OF THIS SECTION,
32 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS APPROVING ANY CREATION,
33 RESCISSION OR ALTERATION IN TERMS, PURPOSES OR USES
34 OF MUNICIPAL BONDED DEBT, SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS

SECTION ONLY TO THE EXTENT APPROVED BY MUNICIPAL
BOND COUNSEL FOR THE SUBJECT DEBT.

[B. UNLESS EXPLICITLY DECLARED OTHERWISE BY THE ORDINANCE,
INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM APPROVING THE BALLOT
PROPOSITION AND WHENEVER AN ORDINANCE DIRECTS THE
SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT PROPOSITION UTILIZING THE
DIRECTION "IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM" OR
SIMILAR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT, THE MUNICIPAL CLERK SHALL
NOT BE LIMITED, RESTRICTED OR PREVENTED THEREBY FROM
IMPLEMENTING SUBSECTION A. OF THIS SECTION.]

(AO No. 96-159(S), § 1, 1-14-97)

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval of the
Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ____ day of _____, 200.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk