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Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the

Request of the ELECTION COMMITTEE

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel, on behalf of the

Election Committee

For reading: December 11, 2007

Date: 1-8-08

CLERK'S OFFICE

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO NO. 2007–173

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 28.60.040, SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING, TO DELETE THE RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED VOTERS REPRESENTED BY A SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

<u>Section 1.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.60.040, Special Needs Voting, is hereby amended to read as follows (the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out):

28.60.040 Special needs voting.

- D. Special needs voting by a representative selected by the voter.
 - A person shall not act as a representative for a voter if:
 - a. The person is the employer of the voter; or
 - b. An agent of the employer of the voter; or
 - c. An officer or agent of the union of the voter; or
 - d. A candidate for office in the election; or
 - e. A paid or unpaid campaign worker of a candidate for office in the election.
 - [6. A PERSON SHALL NOT ACT AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) QUALIFIED VOTERS PER ELECTION.]

(GAAB 7.05.120, 7.05.180.B; CAC 2.68.300--2.68.330, 2.68.370, 2.68.390; AO No. 80-101; AO No. 84-139; AO No. 85-75; AO No. 2006-155(S-1), § 1, 3-13-07)

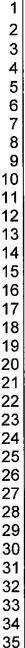
<u>Section 2.</u> This ordinance shall become effective on the date the United States Department of Justice issues its non-objection, or on the date the United States Department of Justice must object, if no objection is issued within the objection period.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this & day of January, 2008.

Vice Chair Ossiander

ATTEST:

Alman S. Mulnotin Municipal Clerk





MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

NO. AM 758-2007

Meeting Date: December 11, 2007

From: Municipal Clerk's Office

Subject: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE

SECTION 28.60.040, SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING, TO DELETE

THE RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED

VOTERS REPRESENTED BY A SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE.

AO No. 2006-155(S-1) passed in March 2007, changed Absentee Voting Special Needs Section 28.60.040 to allow voters unable to get to the polling place to ask a personal representative to deliver ballots. After the citizen has finished voting, the personal representative would return the voted and sealed ballots to the polling place before 8:00pm Election Day. At the time this ordinance passed, we chose to limit personal representative to two voters for each election; however, we now find the limitation should be removed.

Our program is modeled after the State, which does not have a limitation on the number of voters. Originally, we limited the number of voters to two as a conservative measure. Our year of experience has taught us that it is more often organizations that serve the disabled who are delivering ballots than relatives or friends. If we were to enforce the two voter limit, we and the voters we serve would be again faced with a hardship of finding our own volunteers willing to deliver ballots. At this time, ACCESS Alaska provides assistance to those who do not have family or friends to provide this service. They normally assist three to four voters per volunteer serving as Personal Assistants. State of Alaska Division of Elections does not experience abuse with their similar program, and we feel this would be the same for Municipal elections.

The Election Commission supports this change.

Your approval of this ordinance is requested.

Prepared by: Guadalupe Marroquin, Election Coordinator, Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Municipality of Anchorage MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

Agenda Document Control Sheet

AO 2007-173

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