

**STATE OF ALASKA  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION  
BALLOT MEASURES**

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**BALLOT MEASURE NO. 1  
House Joint Resolution No. 5  
Signatures for Initiative and Referendum Petitions**

This amendment changes how to gather signatures for an initiative or referendum petition. It requires signatures from more of the voting districts in the State. It says that signers must be from at least 30 of the 40 house districts, three more than now required. It further requires signatures from each of 30 districts to be at least equal to seven percent of the voters who voted in each of these districts in the last general election. Currently only one signer from a district satisfies the requirement for district participation. The total number of statewide signatures required does not change.

**SHOULD THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED?**

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**BALLOT MEASURE NO. 2  
INITIATIVE NO. 01MRNA  
Initiative to Legalize Marijuana**

This bill would remove civil and criminal penalties under state law for persons 21 years or older who grow, use, sell or give away marijuana or hemp products. State or local government could not require a permit or license for personal cultivation or distribution of marijuana, but could regulate marijuana like alcohol or tobacco. It removes all existing state restrictions on prescription of marijuana by a doctor for all patients, including children. It allows for laws limiting marijuana use in public and to protect public safety.

**SHOULD THIS INITIATIVE BECOME LAW?**

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**BALLOT MEASURE NO. 3  
INITIATIVE NO. 03BEAR  
Prohibiting Bear Baiting or Feeding**

This bill would make it illegal for a person to bait or intentionally feed a bear to hunt, photograph, or view a bear. A person could not feed a bear on purpose or use any item or substance, including food or other edible matter to entice a bear into an area, or to stay in an area. A person who violates this law would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one-year imprisonment and a fine of up to \$10,000.

**SHOULD THIS INITIATIVE BECOME LAW?**

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**BALLOT MEASURE NO. 4  
INITIATIVE NO. 03SENV  
Repeal Temporary Appointment of U.S. Senator**

This measure would repeal state law by which the Governor makes a temporary appointment of a person to fill a U.S. Senate vacancy until a special or regular election can be held. Under existing law the seat remains vacant until an appointment is made. Under the initiative the seat would remain vacant until the election is certified and the senate meets. Existing law provides that a special election will be held within 60 to 90 days to fill a vacancy unless the vacancy occurs within 60 days of the primary election for that seat. This initiative does not change that provision.

**SHOULD THIS INITIATIVE BECOME LAW?**

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