

## 19AKBE - Statement of Costs

### Multi Agency Cost Summary

Agency	Cost
Alaska Public Offices Commission	\$103,350
Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Division of Elections	\$803,593
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$906,943</b>

### Estimate of Costs to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Division of Elections

As required by AS 15.45.090(a)(3) and (4), the Division of Elections has prepared the following statement of costs to implement the proposed ballot initiative and the minimum cost to the Division of Elections associated with certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition, excluding legal costs to the state and the costs to the state of any challenge to the validity of the petition, estimated to be \$803,593.

#### Estimate by Category

Personal Services	\$60,577
Printing Services	\$1,300
Ballot Tabulation Equipment	\$534,300
Voter Education	\$150,000
<u>Language Assistance</u>	<u>\$57,416</u>
TOTAL	\$803,593

### Analysis of Fiscal Impact of Ballot Initiative

#### Initiative Petition Review

Personal Services: Six temporary employees to review signatures for 2,520 hours. Estimated cost: \$44,555

Certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition (estimated at 504 hours). Estimated cost: \$16,022

Printing Services: Printing service expenses associated with certification of the initiative application and review of initiative petition. Estimated cost: \$1,300

#### Ballot Tabulation Equipment

In order to accommodate rank choice voting, the Division would need to purchase 137 ballot tabulators for precincts that currently hand count ballots. Rank choice voting does not allow for the hand counting of ballots. All ballots must first be scanned and counted by a tabulator for the tabulation grid to be captured. Estimated cost: \$534,300

#### Public Education Campaign

A public education campaign will need to take place to inform candidates, voters, and election workers of the changes to the primary and general election processes. Estimated cost: \$150,000

#### Language Assistance

Translating the ballot measure language is needed for audio and sample ballots, Official Election Pamphlet pro statement, Official Election Pamphlet con statement, and Official Election Pamphlet neutral summary into 11 languages required by the Toyukak Settlement and Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act. Estimated cost: \$57,416

### Estimate of Costs to the Alaska Public Offices Commission

As required by AS 15.45.090(a)(4), the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) has prepared the following statement of costs to implement the proposed ballot initiative.

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The proposed initiative seeks to prohibit the use of “dark money” in candidate campaigns by amending various sections of Alaska’s campaign financial disclosure laws under AS 15.13. If passed, the initiative would: require additional reporting for contributors and persons engaged in independent expenditure activities; increase civil penalties for failure to timely disclose; and change identification requirements for political communications.

The ballot initiative, if passed, would result in additional oversight, regulation, filer education, and enforcement activities for APOC requiring:

An additional Associate Attorney I position (Salary Range 17/A). Estimated cost: \$91,500  
Associated overhead costs including computer equipment, core services, and general supplies.  
Estimated Cost: \$9,000

Approximately 50 programming hours will be required to design, test, and deploy additional disclosure forms within the agency’s online filing program. Estimated Cost: ~\$2,850