

**SENATE BILL NO. 129**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR MYERS**

**Introduced: 4/21/21**

**Referred: Judiciary, State Affairs**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to information on judicial officers provided in election pamphlets."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.58.050 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 15.58.050. Information and recommendations on judicial officers. Not**  
5 [NO] later than August 7 of the year in which the state general election will be held,  
6 the judicial council shall file with the lieutenant governor a statement including  
7 information about each supreme court justice, court of appeals judge, superior court  
8 judge, and district court judge who will be subject to a retention election. The  
9 statement **may not exceed 600 words, must** [SHALL] reflect the evaluation of each  
10 justice or judge conducted by the judicial council according to law, and **must**  
11 [SHALL] contain **the following information, except when required by law to be**  
12 **kept confidential:**

13 **(1)** a brief statement describing each public reprimand, public censure,  
14 or suspension received by the **justice or** judge under AS 22.30.011(d) during the  
15 period covered in the evaluation; **and**

1                   **(2) background information on the justice or judge, identifying**

2                   **(A) the law school from which the justice or judge**  
3 **graduated;**

4                   **(B) the primary practice areas of the justice or judge before**  
5 **appointment, including the percentage of the justice's or judge's pre-**  
6 **appointment career spent as a trial lawyer;**

7                   **(C) the types of clients the justice or judge represented**  
8 **before appointment;**

9                   **(D) pro bono work performed by the justice or judge before**  
10 **appointment;**

11                   **(E) elected offices held by the justice or judge;**

12                   **(F) political party offices held by the justice or judge;**

13                   **(G) organizations in which the justice or judge is a current**  
14 **member; and**

15                   **(H) clients and employers of members of the justice's or**  
16 **judge's household.** [A STATEMENT MAY NOT EXCEED 600 WORDS.]