

Sponsor Statement
SB 95 COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR BALLOT PREP

Each time a voter goes to the ballot box, they probably do not think much about the time, preparation work and thousands of dollars that goes into producing the very ballots upon which they are casting their vote. Recently, it has come to my attention that for the past few years, the printing of these ballots has been sole-sourced to a single company without sending this important project out to bid to all Alaskan printers.

However, according to our statute, AS 15.15.030, this practice is completely up to the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor and Division of Elections, and there exists no mandate to allow for the competitive bidding of the state's ballot printing. There are various printing businesses across the state that, I believe, should be given a chance at this project, and so I am sponsoring this legislation to level the playing field that offers a more transparent bid award process.