

ACLU OF ALASKA PRIORITY ISSUES
27th LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION

HB 3, IMMIGRANT DRIVERS' LICENSES – unconstitutionally denies immigrants equal treatment in issuance of drivers' licenses; invites racial profiling and threatens public safety by intrusion of federal immigration issues into state driver safety functions.

HB 88, "FOREIGN LAW" BILL – sponsor asserts: "One example of an offending transnational law is sharia – authoritative Islamic law;" Alaska's Attorney General states: "HB 88 might affect a foreign entity's willingness to do business . . . in Alaska," and asks "whether the legislation is necessary;" offends First Amendment Freedom of Religion.

HB 162, VOTER ID – threatens Alaska Native, rural, poor, and elderly voting rights.

HB 165, EQUAL RIGHTS – protects LGBT Alaskans from discrimination, including employment, housing, and public accommodations.

SB 7, RIGHT TO VOTE – enhances public safety by fully reintegrating former prisoners into community.

SB 11, HATE CRIMES –protects individuals targeted for violence based on membership in disfavored classes; First Amendment requires prohibition on introduction of evidence of expression or association, unless specifically related to charged offense.

SB 14, REFUSAL TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE – threatens health and safety of Alaskans – particularly in rural areas – by sanctioning refusals to provide needed care.

SB 16/SB 93, SPECIAL REQUEST LICENSE PLATES – allows "choose life," "pro family, pro-choice," or other message plates; Constitution requires viewpoint neutrality.

SB 39, NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE – interstate compact to elect the President by national popular vote, to avoid Electoral College victory for 2nd choice candidate.

SB 98, BIOMETRIC INFORMATION – protects individuals' personal biometric information from coerced collection or commercial sale.

Other Pending Legislation

HCR 8, TSA PROCEDURES & PRIVACY – Resolution urging the Transportation Security Administration to change intrusive new pat-down search procedures.

HJR 18, MILITARY TRIAL DEATH PENALTY – improperly injects the political process into a military tribunal criminal proceeding.