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

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*Section 1. AS 15.07.055(e) is amended to read:

(e) The director shall enter into an agreement with the Department of Administration and the Department of Revenue to match identifying information provided by a voter [WHO INITIALLY Registers BY MAIL OR BY FACSIMILE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR UNDER AS 15.07.050] with existing identification records (1) maintained by the administrative component of the Department of Administration that administers motor vehicle and driver's license laws and by the
administrative component of the Department of Revenue that administers the
permanent fund dividend laws; and

(2) bearing the same identifying number, name, and date of birth
provided on the registration.

* Sec. 2. AS 15.07.195(c) is amended to read:

(c) Notwithstanding other provisions, and in compliance with federal law,
information made confidential by this section may be released by the division

(1) to a local, state, or federal government agency, including to the
child support services agency created in AS 25.27.010 or the child support
enforcement agency of another state; the agency receiving information under this
paragraph may use the information only for governmental purposes authorized under
law;

(2) in compliance with a court order;

(3) to a person holding a writ of execution against the person or
property of the voter; [OR]

(4) if the voter about whom information has been requested has
provided written consent to the release; or

(5) to another state or an organized group of states for the purpose
of ensuring the accuracy of the state's voter registration list prepared under
AS 15.07.125 and the eligibility of persons on the list to vote in state elections, if
the other state or organized group of states maintains the confidentiality of the
information using information security management policies and procedures that
comply with

(A) the information security standards of the International
Organization for Standardization; or

(B) a published information security standard used by the
state and approved by the Department of Administration.

* Sec. 3. AS 15.58.020(a) is amended to read:

(a) Each general election pamphlet must contain

(1) photographs and campaign statements submitted by eligible
candidates for elective office in the region;
(2) information and recommendations filed under AS 15.58.050 on judicial officers subject to a retention election in the region;

(3) a map of the house district or districts of the region;

(4) sample ballots for house districts of the region;

(5) an absentee ballot application;

(6) for each ballot proposition submitted to the voters by initiative or referendum petition or by the legislature,

   (A) the full text of the proposition specifying constitutional or statutory provisions proposed to be affected;

   (B) the ballot title and the summary of the proposition prepared by the director or by the lieutenant governor;

   (C) a statement of the costs to the state of implementing the law proposed in an initiative, or of voter approval or rejection of the act that is the subject of a referendum;

   (D) a neutral summary of the proposition prepared by the Legislative Affairs Agency;

   (E) statements submitted that advocate voter approval or rejection of the proposition not to exceed 500 words;

(7) for each bond question, a statement of the scope of each project as it appears in the bond authorization;

(8) a maximum of two pages of material submitted under AS 15.58.040 by each political party;

(9) additional information on voting procedures that the lieutenant governor considers necessary;

(10) for the question whether a constitutional convention shall be called,

       (A) a full statement of the question placed on the ballot;

       (B) statements not to exceed 500 words that advocate voter approval or rejection of the question;

(11) under AS 37.13.170, the Alaska permanent fund annual income statement and balance sheet for the two fiscal years preceding the publication of the
enrollment pamphlet;

(12) under AS 15.10.090, notice of

(A) the establishment or abolition of a precinct;

(B) the designation, abolition, or modification of precinct

boundaries; and

(C) a change in the location of a polling place.

* Sec. 4. AS 15.58.040 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(c) Material submitted by a political party may not

(1) include images, except for graphic elements including party logos;

(2) directly or indirectly advocate

(A) for or against, or use the name of, another political party;

(B) for the election or defeat or use the name of a person who is

(i) a candidate for municipal, state, or federal public

office;

(ii) a public official, as that term is defined in

AS 39.50.200(a);

(iii) a member of the legislature;

(iv) elected or appointed to public office in the federal

government.

(d) Nothing in (c) of this section prohibits a political party from submitting

material that promotes the political party's

(1) candidates generally, without naming individual persons; or

(2) platform, tenets, or philosophy.

* Sec. 5. AS 15.58.060(b) is amended to read:

(b) Subject to the page limitation under AS 15.58.020(a)(8), the [THE]

state chair or executive committee of a political party shall pay to the lieutenant

governor at the time of filing material under AS 15.58.040 [THIS CHAPTER] $600

for each page purchased.

* Sec. 6. AS 28.15.151(f) is amended to read:

(f) Except as provided otherwise in this section and in AS 15.07.195,

information and records under this section are declared confidential and private.
* Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).