

HOUSE BILL NO. 352

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/16/18

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to voter registration; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 15.07.060(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) For an applicant requesting initial registration by mail, by facsimile or
5 other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050, or by
6 completing a permanent fund dividend application **with the information required**
7 **under (a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9) of this section included**, the director shall verify the
8 information provided in compliance with (a)(2) and (3) of this section through state
9 agency records described in AS 15.07.055(e). If the applicant cannot comply with the
10 requirement of (a)(2) of this section because the applicant has not been issued any of
11 the listed numbers, the applicant may instead submit a copy of one of the following
12 forms of identification: a driver's license, state identification card, current and valid
13 photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or hunting or fishing license.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.070(i) is amended to read:

15 (i) The division shall register voters **under (j) - (m) of this section** who

1 submit a permanent fund dividend application under AS 43.23.015 to the
 2 Department of Revenue. The director shall treat an eligible permanent fund
 3 dividend applicant as a new or updated registered voter, unless the permanent
 4 fund dividend applicant declines to provide the information required under
 5 AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9) [AN APPLICATION TO RECEIVE A
 6 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND IN ACCORDANCE WITH (j) - (m) OF THIS
 7 SECTION].

8 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.070(k) is amended to read:

9 (k) Upon receipt of the registration information, the director shall, as soon as
 10 practicable and in accordance with a schedule established by the director by rule,
 11 process the registration information received and notify by United States mail and
 12 any other means authorized by the director, each applicant [NOT ALREADY
 13 REGISTERED TO VOTE] at the address provided in the applicant's application of the
 14 applicant's registration status

15 [(1) OF THE PROCESSES TO

16 (A) DECLINE TO BE REGISTERED AS A VOTER;

17 (B) MAINTAIN AN EXISTING VOTER REGISTRATION
 18 OR BE NEWLY REGISTERED AT A VALID PLACE OF RESIDENCE
 19 NOT PROVIDED IN THE APPLICANT'S APPLICATION; AND

20 (C) ADOPT A POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION; AND

21 (2) THAT FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE NOTIFICATION
 22 SHALL CONSTITUTE THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO CANCEL ANY
 23 REGISTRATION TO VOTE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION].

24 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.070(l) is amended to read:

25 (l) [IF AN APPLICANT DOES NOT DECLINE TO BE REGISTERED AS A
 26 VOTER WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DIRECTOR ISSUES THE
 27 NOTIFICATION, THE APPLICATION UNDER AS 43.23.015 WILL
 28 CONSTITUTE A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM.] The name of the
 29 applicant shall be placed on the master register if the director determines that the
 30 person is qualified to vote under AS 15.05.010, and the director shall forward to the
 31 applicant a registration card. If registration is denied, the applicant shall immediately

1 be informed in writing that registration was denied and the reason for denial.

2 * **Sec. 5.** AS 43.23.016 is amended to read:

3 **Sec. 43.23.016. Voter registration. Except for a permanent fund dividend**
 4 **application where the applicant declines to provide the information required**
 5 **under AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9), the** [THE] commissioner shall establish
 6 by rule a schedule by which the commissioner [WILL PROVIDE AND] shall provide,
 7 as soon as [IS] practicable, the director of elections with

8 (1) electronic records from the permanent fund dividend applications
 9 **with** [OF] the information required **under** [BY] AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9)
 10 [.] and the attestation that **the** [SUCH] information is true [.] for each permanent fund
 11 dividend applicant who

12 (A) is a citizen of the United States; and

13 (B) is at least 18 years of age or will be within 90 days of the
 14 date of the application; and

15 (2) the mailing addresses for all permanent fund dividend applicants.

16 * **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 17 read:

18 **APPLICABILITY: PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND APPLICATIONS.** The
 19 changes made by secs. 1 - 5 of this Act apply to permanent fund dividend applications filed
 20 on or after January 1, 2019.

21 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 22 read:

23 **TRANSITION: REGULATIONS.** The Department of Revenue and the division of
 24 elections may adopt regulations necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The
 25 regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the
 26 effective date of the law implemented by the regulation.

27 * **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 - 5 of this Act take effect January 1, 2019.

28 * **Sec. 9.** Except as provided in sec. 8 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under
 29 AS 01.10.070(c).