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## MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary of SB 7 (Work Order No. 27-LS0083\A)

**TO:** Senator Bettye Davis  
Attn: Thomas Obermeyer

**FROM:** Alpheus Bullard   
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional analysis of the above referenced bill. As a preliminary matter, please note that a sectional analysis should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill, and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

**Section 1.** Changes AS 09.20.020 to provide that a person who has been convicted of a felony may not serve as a juror while incarcerated for that crime, instead of being disqualified from serving as a juror until the person's unconditional discharge ("unconditional discharge" means that a person, convicted of a crime, is released from all disability arising under a sentence, including probation and parole).

**Section 2.** Changes AS 15.05.030 to provide that a person convicted of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral turpitude under state or federal law may not vote while incarcerated for that crime, instead of being disqualified as a voter until the person's unconditional discharge. Provides that a person who has been incarcerated will be advised of voter registration requirements and procedures upon release, and that the commissioner of corrections will notify the director of elections that the person is entitled to be registered as a voter.

**Section 3.** Changes AS 15.07.135 to provide that the voter registration of a person convicted of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral turpitude will be cancelled only while that person is incarcerated, instead of until that person's unconditional discharge from custody.

**Section 4.** Changes AS 33.30.241(a) to provide that a person convicted of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral turpitude under state or federal law is disqualified from voting while incarcerated for that crime, instead of being disqualified from voting until the person's unconditional discharge.

**Section 5.** Changes AS 33.30.241(b) to provide that a person convicted of a felony is disqualified from serving as a juror while that person is incarcerated, instead of being disqualified from serving as a juror until the person's unconditional discharge.

**Section 6.** Repeals AS 15.60.010(39), a definition of "unconditional discharge," and AS 33.30.241(c), a definition of "unconditional discharge" as used in AS 33.30.241. The changes made by secs. 4 and 5 have removed the term from that section.

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