

**SENATE BILL NO. 186**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE 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).