

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

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

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

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

[(1) OF THE PROCESSES TO

(A) DECLINE TO BE REGISTERED AS A VOTER;

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

(C) ADOPT A POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION; AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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