



# REPRESENTATIVE BILL THOMAS

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## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS CSHB 178 (CRA)

### **"Election Practices and Procedures"**

#### **SECTION 1**

Adds, under "Qualifications for overseas voters", a child whose parents lived in Alaska and comes of voting age overseas, will be granted the opportunity to register to vote absentee for a federal election in the state of Alaska.

#### **SECTION 2,5,7,8,9, 10 & 12**

Removes the witnessing requirement for absentee ballots.

#### **SECTION 3**

Adds the designation of a municipal clerk as an absentee voting official.

#### **SECTION 4 & 6.**

Adds that absentee ballots are available in regional offices 22 days before the election.

#### **SECTION 7.**

Adds email as a form of electronic transmission for delivery of ballots and information.

#### **SECTION 11 & 13.**

Removes language referencing the receipt of a ballot 15 days post election as it a provision of this bill is to change this to 10 days.

#### **SECTION 14.**

Moves primary by two weeks, from the fourth, to the second Tuesday in August.

#### **SECTION 15.**

Declaration of candidacy is public record

#### **SECTION 16.**

If a change is made regarding the eligibility of a candidate by the director, notice must be provided to the candidate, other candidates in the race and to the individual filing the candidacy complaint, if applicable. A challenge may be made to this decision within 15 days and the director must respond to the challenge within 15 days.

**SECTION 17.**

Changes the time frame from 48 to 52 days for the withdrawal of a candidate's name from the primary ballot.

**SECTION 18,19, 21 & 22 .**

Changes the timeframes for replacement of candidate by party petition.

**SECTION 20.**

Letter of intent is public record.

**SECTION 23.**

All statements in a petition are public record

**SECTION 24.**

Changes the date of name withdrawal of judges to 64 days before the general election.

**SECTION 25.**

Adds that municipal clerk may serve as an absentee voting official for the purposes of distributing absentee ballots.

**SECTION 26.**

Repeals the provision that the absentee ballot application is valid for the next two general elections (15.20.081(i)).

Repeals the allowance for Military and Oversees absentee ballots to be received 15 days post Election Day (15.20.081(h)).

Repeals the provision pertaining to the conduct of a witness (15.20.160).

**SECTION 27.**

Establishes the effective date of January 1, 2012.