

**HOUSE BILL NO. 287**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

Introduced: 1/17/12

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**1   **"An Act relating to absentee voting."**2   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**3    \* **Section 1.** AS 15.20.081(g) is amended to read:

4           (g) The director shall maintain a record of the name of each voter to whom an  
5           absentee ballot is sent under this section. The record must list the date on which the  
6           ballot is mailed or provided by electronic transmission and the date on which the  
7           ballot is received by the election supervisor and the dates on which the ballot was  
8           executed and postmarked. **After each general election, the director shall submit to**  
9           **the commissioner of revenue a list of voters who cast absentee ballots.**

10   \* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.20.081(i) is amended to read:

11           (i) An absentee ballot application submitted by an absent uniformed services  
12           voter or by an absent overseas voter qualifying under AS 15.05.011 is valid through  
13           the next two regularly scheduled general elections for federal office after the date the  
14           application is submitted. **An absentee ballot application submitted by a qualified**  
15           **voter or on behalf of a qualified voter, other than a voter qualifying under**

1 AS 15.05.011, is valid through the next two regularly scheduled general elections  
2 following the date the application is submitted. If a voter casts an absentee ballot  
3 in accordance with (d) - (f) of this section that was received by the voter as a  
4 result of an absentee ballot application, the voter's application remains valid  
5 through the next two regularly scheduled general elections following the election  
6 in which the ballot was cast. However, nothing in this subsection requires the  
7 director or an election supervisor to send an absentee ballot to a voter after the  
8 director or election supervisor has received actual notice that mail sent to the  
9 permanent mailing address of the voter, or a different address provided by the  
10 voter, is undeliverable to the voter at that address. In this subsection, "absent  
11 uniformed services voter" has the meaning given in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6.