

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/21/15

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring notice of the postage required to mail an absentee ballot on the**
2 **envelope provided by the division of elections for returning an absentee ballot; and**
3 **repealing the authority to include certain material from a political party in the election**
4 **pamphlet."**

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 * **Section 1.** AS 15.20.030 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 15.20.030. Preparation of ballots, envelopes, and other material.** The
8 director shall provide ballots for use as absentee ballots in all districts. The director
9 shall provide a secrecy sleeve in which the voter shall initially place the marked ballot,
10 and shall provide an envelope with the prescribed voter's certificate on it, in which the
11 secrecy sleeve with ballot enclosed shall be placed. The director shall prescribe the
12 form of and prepare the voter's certificate, envelopes, and other material used in
13 absentee voting. The voter's certificate shall include a declaration, for use when
14 required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all respects, a blank for the voter's

signature, a certification that the affiant properly executed the marking of the ballot and gave the voter's identity, blanks for the attesting official or witness, and a place for recording the date the envelope was sealed and witnessed. The envelope with the voter's certificate must include a notice that false statements made by the voter or by the attesting official or witness on the certificate are punishable by law. **The mailing envelope for returning an absentee ballot must be preaddressed to the election supervisor in the district in which the voter is a resident. The envelope for returning an absentee ballot must include a notice of the postage required to return the ballot by way of the United States Postal Service within the United States.**

* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.20.081(c) is amended to read:

(c) After receipt of an application, the director shall send the absentee ballot and other absentee voting material to the applicant by the most expeditious mail service. However, if the application requests that an absentee ballot for a state election be sent by electronic transmission, the director shall send the absentee ballot and other absentee voting material to the applicant by electronic transmission. Except as provided in (k) of this section, the absentee ballot and other absentee voting material shall be sent as soon as they are ready for distribution. If the absentee ballot and other absentee voting material are mailed to the applicant, the **director shall provide a return envelope that meets the requirements of AS 15.20.030** [SENT] with the ballot and other materials [SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO THE ELECTION SUPERVISOR IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE VOTER IS A RESIDENT].

* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.58.020(a)(8), 15.58.040, and 15.58.060(b) are repealed.