

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 7(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/6/17

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KREISS-TOMKINS, Kawasaki, Knopp, Tuck

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the exhibition of marked ballots and the prohibition on political**
2 **persuasion near election polls."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 15.15.170 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 15.15.170. Prohibition of political persuasion near election polls. (a)**

6 During the hours the polls are open, a person who is in the polling place or within 200
7 feet of any entrance to the polling place may not

8 **(1)** attempt to persuade a person to vote for or against a candidate,
9 proposition, or question; **or**

10 **(2) physically display a photo, video, or other image of the person's**
11 **marked ballot in an attempt to persuade a person to vote for or against a**
12 **candidate, proposition, or question.**

13 **(b)** The election officials shall post warning notices at the required distance in
14 the form and manner prescribed by the director.

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.15.280 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 15.15.280. Prohibiting the exhibition of marked ballots.** A [SUBJECT
3 TO AS 15.15.240 A] voter may not exhibit the voter's ballot to an election official or
4 any other person so as to enable any person to ascertain how the voter marked the
5 ballot.

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.15.280 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (b) This section does not apply to a voter who

8 (1) requests assistance under AS 15.15.240; or

9 (2) subject to the prohibition on political persuasion in, or within 200
10 feet of an entrance to, a polling place under AS 15.15.170, shares a photo, video, or
11 other image of the voter's marked ballot with another person or with the public.