

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The election officials shall post warning notices at the required distance in 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.