

AMENDMENT

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1 Page 1, line 1, following "**registration**";:

2 Insert "**relating to poll watchers**";

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4 Page 4, following line 17:

5 Insert new bill sections to read:

6 "* **Sec. 9.** AS 15.10.170 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 15.10.170. Appointment and privileges of watchers.** (a) **In a general**
8 **election, special election, or special runoff election under AS 15.40.141, a** [THE]
9 precinct party committee, where an organized precinct committee exists, or the party
10 district committee where no organized precinct committee exists, or the state party
11 **chair** [CHAIRPERSON] where neither a precinct nor a party district committee
12 exists, may appoint one or more [PERSONS AS] watchers in each precinct and
13 counting center. **A** [FOR ANY ELECTION. EACH] candidate not representing a
14 political party may appoint one or more watchers for each precinct or counting center
15 in the candidate's respective district or the state [FOR ANY ELECTION]. Any
16 organization or organized group that sponsors or opposes **a ballot proposition** [AN
17 INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM,] or recall may have one or more [PERSONS AS]
18 watchers at the polls and counting centers after first obtaining authorization from the
19 director. A state party **chair** [CHAIRPERSON], a precinct party committee, a party
20 district committee, or a candidate not representing a political party or organization or
21 organized group may not have more than one watcher on duty at a time in any precinct
22 or counting center. [A WATCHER MUST BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN. THE
23 WATCHER MAY BE PRESENT AT A POSITION INSIDE THE PLACE OF

1 VOTING OR COUNTING THAT AFFORDS A FULL VIEW OF ALL ACTION OF
 2 THE ELECTION OFFICIALS TAKEN FROM THE TIME THE POLLS ARE
 3 OPENED UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE FINALLY COUNTED AND THE
 4 RESULTS CERTIFIED BY THE ELECTION BOARD OR THE DATA
 5 PROCESSING REVIEW BOARD. THE ELECTION BOARD OR THE DATA
 6 PROCESSING REVIEW BOARD MAY REQUIRE EACH WATCHER TO
 7 PRESENT WRITTEN PROOF SHOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE PRECINCT
 8 PARTY COMMITTEE, THE PARTY DISTRICT COMMITTEE, THE
 9 ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZED GROUP, OR THE CANDIDATE THE
 10 WATCHER REPRESENTS THAT IS SIGNED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
 11 PRECINCT PARTY COMMITTEE, THE PARTY DISTRICT COMMITTEE, THE
 12 STATE PARTY CHAIRPERSON, THE ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZED
 13 GROUP, OR THE CANDIDATE REPRESENTING NO PARTY.]

14 (b) In [ADDITION TO THE WATCHERS APPOINTED UNDER (a) OF
 15 THIS SECTION, IN] a primary election, [SPECIAL ELECTION UNDER
 16 AS 15.40.140, OR SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION UNDER AS 15.40.141,] each
 17 candidate may appoint one **or more persons as watchers for** [WATCHER IN] each
 18 precinct and counting center **in the candidate's respective district. Any**
 19 **organization or organized group that sponsors or opposes a ballot proposition or**
 20 **recall may have one or more watchers at the polls and counting centers after first**
 21 **obtaining authorization from the director.**

22 * **Sec. 10.** AS 15.10.170 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 (c) A watcher appointed under this section may be present at a position inside
 24 the place of voting or counting that affords a full view of all action of the election
 25 officials taken from the time the polls are opened until the ballots are finally counted
 26 and the results certified by the election board or the data processing review board. The
 27 election board or the data processing review board may require each watcher to
 28 present written proof showing appointment by the respective precinct party committee,
 29 party district committee, organization or organized group, or candidate the watcher
 30 represents that is signed by the respective chair of the precinct party committee, party
 31 district committee, state party chair, organization or organized group, or candidate. A

1 watcher must be a United States citizen."

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3 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.