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Explanation of Changes – House Bill 200

Version O to CS Version U

Nonpartisan Open Primary Elections

Party Affiliation on the Ballot

Section 9 amends AS 15.15.030(5) to clarify that a candidate has a choice of having listed on a ballot either their party affiliation or they can be listed as nonpartisan or undeclared.

Disclaimer for US Presidential Candidates

Section 10 amends AS 15.15.030 to clarify that some candidates for US President and Vice Presidents are party nominees. Alaska's election division does allow independent candidates for US President and Vice President to be on the ballot.

Criminalization of Ballot Marking

Section 12 amends AS 15.20.081(a) to reinstate the prohibition on pre-marked party affiliation for absentee ballot applications. Under current Alaska law, it is illegal for anyone providing absentee ballot to pre-mark party affiliation on the applications.

Effective Date

Section 57 was added in Version U to make HB 200 effective January 1, 2020. Version O did not have an effective date.