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Sectional Analysis House Bill 1 ver R.A Elections and Voting

Section 1: Removes language from AS 15.05.010 that requires a qualified voter to register under AS 15.07 before an election.

Section 2: Permits a person registering or reregistering as a voter to apply using an electronic signature.

Section 3: Requires that every registration form must include a space for an applicant who is registered in another jurisdiction to specify that jurisdiction. The director will then notify the chief elections officer in that jurisdiction.

Section 4: Instructing the director of the division to determine the form of electronic signature to be used when registering to vote.

Section 5: Allows a qualified voter registering on the day of, or within 30 days of an election, to vote a questioned ballot at that election.

Section 6: Amends AS 15.07.070(h) the procedure for registration is amended to clarify the use of a special needs ballot and clarifies that on the voter's certificate on the ballot that registration includes a voters choice to declare a political party, non-partisan or undeclared.

Section 7: Stating that section 15.07.070 includes special needs ballot which is defined under 15.20.072.

Section 8: Amends AS 15.07.090(b) stating if a voter registration is cancelled under AS 15.07.130 (voter registration list maintenance), and they re-register they shall vote a questioned ballot.

Section 9: Conforming language for same day voter registration. This amends AS 15.07.090(c) – voting after change of name, reregistration – to add language that states if a person moved to a new precinct they vote a questioned ballot. This does not change that the person must live in the precinct they are voting in for at least 30 days.

Section 10: Cleans up language about a voter who is not found on the voter registrar to vote a questioned ballot. By voting a questioned ballot, there is a review process by the division to ensure they are a qualified voter.

Section 11: Definition expansion for absentee or questioned ballot to include a special needs ballot.

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Section 12: Conforms AS 15.07.130(e) to changes made in section 19 of the bill which changes terminology of “absentee and absentee in person voting” to early voting. This is to clarify to the public as absentee in person voting stations has been confusing so we want to call it what it is – early voting.

Section 13: Clarifies privileges of poll watchers in a general election or special election related to ballot propositions.

Section 14: Adds a new section to AS 15.10.170 appointment and privileges of poll watchers to clarify poll watchers may be designated by prescient party chair, organized group, or candidate. This is the language that was removed in section 13 and made a new subsection.

Section 15 - 18: Relates to questioned ballot procedure and adding a declaration attesting to the fact that the voter has been a resident of the election district for 30 days and that all of the information provided by the voter is accurate.

Section 19: Renames absentee voting stations “early voting stations.” Provides that a location designated as an early voting station will remain an early voting station for subsequent elections unless the location is no longer available for use or the director of the division of elections determines that the location is no longer appropriate. Requires the director to make a determination that a location is no longer appropriate for use as an early voting station available to the public in writing.

Section 20-23: Conforms AS 15.20.050 to changes made in Section 18 related to early voting stations.

Section 24: Allowing voter registration updates through electronic absentee ballot and fax. Voter registration updates are allowed through all other means so the division asked that we also allow for updates when people use electronic transmissions.

Section 25: Requires an absentee ballot application to include an option for a voter to choose to receive absentee ballots by mail for future regularly scheduled state elections. Provides conditions under which the director may require a voter to reapply to receive absentee ballots by mail.

Section 26: Conforming changes for same day voter registration. Amends AS 15.25.060(b) relating to preparation and distribution of ballots; appropriate ballot.

Section 27: Definition of electronic signature

Section 28: Conforming to section 19 of the bill related to early voting stations.

Section 29: Conforming to same day voter registration, stating those who register within 30 days before a municipal election shall vote an absentee, special needs or questioned ballot in that election. The voter is required to live in the district for at least 30 days.

Section 30: Conforming to same day voter registration. Repeals AS 29.26.050(a)(3): voter qualifications, is registered to vote in state elections at a resident address within a municipality at least 30 days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.

Section 31: Provides authority to the director of the division of elections in uncodified law to adopt or amend regulations as necessary to implement the changes made by the Act.