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## **HB 83: Eliminate Voting by Facsimile Explanation of Changes between Versions A, U and U.A**

### **Summary of Changes version A (HB83) to version U (CSHB83(STA))**

Version U, the House State Affairs committee substitute, includes 3 changes from version A.

- Section 1 of version U is amended to clarify that the Division of Elections can deliver absentee ballots to voters by facsimile, but is prohibited from allowing voters return completed absentee ballots to the division by facsimile.
  - The clarifying language is on page 1, lines 13-14 and page 2, line 1 of version U
- Section 2 of version A made changes to AS 15.20.081(a), which describes methods through which a voter requests an absentee ballot. The review process in (H)STA revealed those changes to be unnecessary.
- Section 2 of version U is a new section. It repeals language describing oaths and waivers required of a voter submitting ballots electronically. Note that facsimile is the only method of electronic ballot return currently available to Alaska voters.

### **Summary of Changes version U (CSHB83(STA)) to version U.A (CSHB 83(STA) am(efd del))**

Version U.A includes two changes from version U, both adopted as amendments on the House Floor..

- Section 1 (page 1, line 15) includes an exemption from the electronic ballot submission prohibition for absent uniformed services voters.

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- The effective date (formerly section 3 in version U) is deleted.