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HOUSE BILL NO. 320 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Amended: 2/13/02

Introduced: 1/14/02

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the use of electronic balloting equipment."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Frank Haas Act.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.15.030(5) is amended to read:

7 (5) The [STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT SHALL BE
8 PRINTED ON WHITE PAPER WITH THE] names of the candidates and their party
9 designations shall be placed in separate sections on the state general election ballot
10 under the office designation to which they were nominated. The party affiliation, if
11 any, shall be designated after the name of the candidate. The lieutenant governor and
12 the governor shall be included under the same section. Provision shall be made for
13 voting for write-in and no-party candidates within each section. Paper ballots for the
14 state general election shall be printed on white paper.

15 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.15.030(13) is amended to read:

(13) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the director may provide for voting by use of electronic balloting equipment or optically scanned ballots where the requisite [OPTICAL SCANNING] equipment is available. If the director provides for voting by use of electronic balloting equipment, the director shall provide electronic balloting equipment that would allow voters with disabilities, including those who are blind or visually impaired, to cast private, independent, and verifiable ballots.

* Sec. 4. AS 15.20.900 is amended to read:

Sec. 15.20.900. Optically scanned or electronically generated ballots [BALLOT TABULATION]. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, the director may adopt regulations that provide procedures for the tabulation of electronically generated ballots or optically scanned ballots, including procedures for

(1) tests of the counting programs developed for each precinct tabulator to ensure that the system is functioning properly;

(2) security for the voting and tabulation of ballots;

(3) the transmission and accumulation of vote totals to assure the integrity of the vote counting process;

(4) observation by the public of the counting process in the regional offices; and

(5) the disposition of ballots.

(b) The state ballot counting review board established under AS 15.10.180 shall test the counting programs for the tabulation of electronically generated ballots or optically scanned ballots and certify their accuracy in accordance with the regulations adopted under (a) of this section.