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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 64(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter**
2 **registration; relating to election administration; relating to campaign contributions;**
3 **relating to the crimes of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree, unlawful**
4 **interference with an election, and election official misconduct; relating to voter**
5 **registration on permanent fund dividend applications; relating to the duties of the**
6 **commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date."**

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

8 *** Section 1.** AS 15.07.060(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) Each applicant who requests registration in person before a registration
10 official shall exhibit one form of identification to the official, including a driver's
11 license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth
12 certificate, passport, or **identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe**
13 **[HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE]**. A registration official who knows the identity

1 of the applicant may waive the identification requirement.

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.060(e) is amended to read:

3 (e) For an applicant requesting initial registration by mail, by facsimile or
4 other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050, or by
5 completing a permanent fund dividend application, the director shall verify the
6 information provided in compliance with (a)(2) and (3) of this section through state
7 agency records described in AS 15.07.055(e). If the applicant cannot comply with the
8 requirement of (a)(2) of this section because the applicant has not been issued any of
9 the listed numbers, the applicant may instead submit a copy of one of the following
10 forms of identification: a driver's license, state identification card, current and valid
11 photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or **identification card issued by a**
12 **federally recognized tribe** [HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE].

13 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.070 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

14 (n) The division may use information provided by the Department of Revenue
15 under AS 43.23.015 and 43.23.101 only to register a voter and conduct voter roll
16 maintenance. Except as provided in AS 15.07.195(c), the division may not disclose
17 confidential information obtained from the Department of Revenue.

18 (o) The division, in cooperation with the Department of Revenue, shall submit
19 an annual report to the governor and to the senate secretary and chief clerk of the
20 house of representatives on or before the first day of each regular session of the
21 legislature and notify the legislature that the report is available. The report shall detail

22 (1) the number of permanent fund dividend applicant records shared
23 with the division during the previous year;

24 (2) the effect that shared permanent fund dividend applications had on
25 voter roll maintenance under (n) of this section and on election integrity; and

26 (3) security measures taken to protect voter information.

27 (p) In this section, "voter roll maintenance" includes confirming the residency
28 of a registered voter, identifying duplicate registrations, detecting voters who have
29 moved, and detecting voters who are ineligible to vote under AS 15.05.

30 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.130(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) Periodically, at times of the director's choosing, but **not** [NO] less

1 frequently than in January of each calendar year, the director shall examine the master
 2 register maintained under AS 15.07.120 and shall send, by **forwardable**
 3 **[NONFORWARDABLE]** mail to the voter's registration mailing address, **and to the**
 4 **voter's electronic mail address, if available,** a notice requesting address
 5 confirmation or correction. **The notice must explain that the voter's registration**
 6 **will be inactivated unless the voter responds to the notice within 45 days after the**
 7 **date the notice is sent. The director shall send the notice** to each voter

8 (1) whose mail from the division has been returned to the division in
 9 the two years immediately preceding the examination of the register;

10 (2) who has not contacted the division in the two years immediately
 11 preceding the examination of the register **and** [; OR (3)] who has not voted or
 12 appeared to vote in the **28 months** [TWO GENERAL ELECTIONS] immediately
 13 preceding the examination of the register; **or**

14 **(3) who the division has learned, after registering to vote in this**
 15 **state and during the 28 months immediately preceding the examination of the**
 16 **register, has**

17 **(A) registered to vote in another state;**

18 **(B) received a driver's license from another state;**

19 **(C) registered a vehicle in another state;**

20 **(D) received public assistance from another state;**

21 **(E) served on a jury in another state;**

22 **(F) received a homestead or residential property tax**
 23 **exemption in another state; or**

24 **(G) received a benefit available only to residents of another**
 25 **state.**

26 * **Sec. 5.** AS 15.07.130(b) is amended to read:

27 (b) If a registered voter **does** [HAS] not **respond to a notice sent under (a) of**
 28 **this section within 45 days after the date the notice is sent, the director shall**
 29 **inactivate the voter's registration** [, WITHIN THE PRECEDING FOUR
 30 CALENDAR YEARS, CONTACTED THE DIVISION AND HAS NEITHER
 31 VOTED NOR APPEARED TO VOTE IN A LOCAL, REGIONAL SCHOOL

1 BOARD, PRIMARY, SPECIAL, OR GENERAL ELECTION DURING THE LAST
2 FOUR CALENDAR YEARS AND A NOTICE SENT TO THE VOTER UNDER (a)
3 OF THIS SECTION WAS RETURNED AS UNDELIVERABLE, THE VOTER
4 SHALL BE ADVISED BY A NOTICE SENT BY FORWARDABLE MAIL TO THE
5 VOTER'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS THAT REGISTRATION WILL BE
6 INACTIVATED UNLESS THE VOTER RESPONDS TO THE NOTICE NO
7 LATER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE SENT UNDER
8 THIS SECTION]. The director shall maintain on the master register the name of a
9 voter whose registration is inactivated. The director shall cancel a voter's inactive
10 registration in accordance with the procedures set out in 52 U.S.C. 20507 [42 U.S.C.
11 1973gg-6 (SEC. 8, NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1993)] after the
12 second general election that occurs after the registration becomes inactive if the voter
13 does not contact the division or vote or appear to vote.

14 * **Sec. 6.** AS 15.07.130(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) The notice sent under (a) [(b)] of this section must include a postage
16 prepaid and pre-addressed return card on which the voter may state the voter's current
17 address. The notice must indicate

18 (1) that the voter should return the card not later than 45 days after the
19 date of the notice if the voter did not change residence;

20 (2) that failure to return the card by the 45-day deadline could result in
21 removal of the voter's name from the official registration list for a subsequent election;

22 (3) that the voter's registration will be cancelled if the voter does not
23 contact the division during, or vote or appear to vote in an election held during, the
24 period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the last day of
25 the 34th month [FOURTH CALENDAR YEAR] that occurs after the date of notice;
26 and

27 (4) how the voter can continue to be eligible to vote if the voter has
28 changed residence.

29 * **Sec. 7.** AS 15.07.130(f) is amended to read:

30 (f) For the purpose of this section, a voter "contacts" the division if the voter
31 notifies the division of a change of address, responds to a notice sent under this

1 section, signs a petition for a ballot measure, requests a new voter registration card, or
2 otherwise communicates with the division other than to vote or register to vote. **An**
3 **individual does not "contact" the division by applying for a permanent fund**
4 **dividend, unless the application for a permanent fund dividend is the voter's**
5 **initial registration.**

6 * **Sec. 8.** AS 15.07.130 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

7 (g) The division shall adopt regulations to review voter registration records
8 and update the master register. The regulations must include reviews for deceased
9 voters, persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, persons not qualified
10 to vote under AS 15.05, persons registered to vote in another state, whether the
11 number of registered voters on the master register exceeds the number of eligible
12 voters in the state, and voter registration information data breaches. In conducting
13 these reviews, the division shall, to the extent possible, gather and examine available
14 data from other states and information from the United States Postal Service
15 forwarding databases, one or more systems for verifying citizenship, motor vehicle
16 records, Department of Corrections records, property and sales tax records, United
17 States Social Security Administration databases, jury duty records, National Change of
18 Address records, and similar records. The division shall also review evidence that a
19 person has undertaken the following activities in another state:

- 20 (1) registered to vote;
- 21 (2) obtained a driver's license;
- 22 (3) registered a vehicle;
- 23 (4) received public assistance;
- 24 (5) served on a jury in another state; or
- 25 (6) received a benefit available only to residents of another state.

26 (h) In performing its review under (g) of this section, the division may not
27 transmit information made confidential under AS 15.07.195 to a person,
28 nongovernmental organization, or government agency outside the division unless

- 29 (1) the information is encrypted; and
- 30 (2) the person, nongovernmental organization, or government agency
31 receiving the information

1 (A) uses the information only to assist the division in carrying
2 out (g) of this section;

3 (B) agrees that the person, nongovernmental organization, or
4 government agency will not retain the information after assisting the division;
5 and

6 (C) agrees that the person, nongovernmental organization, or
7 government agency will not transmit the information to another person,
8 nongovernmental organization, government agency, or other entity.

9 (i) The division shall, in consultation with an external, nationally recognized
10 subject-matter expert selected by the division, annually audit the master register. The
11 division shall consider the subject-matter expert's recommendations. By April 1 of
12 each year, the division shall publish a report describing the most recent audit and
13 accounting for the criteria reviewed under (g) of this section. The report must include
14 the expert's recommendations, identify protocols used under (g) of this section,
15 provide election information including the number of voters on the master register and
16 the total population eligible to vote, and highlight voting data problems, irregularities,
17 errors, and vulnerabilities identified in the audit. The division shall submit the report
18 to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the
19 legislature that the report is available on or before the date the report is published.

20 (j) If the division reasonably determines that a voter is away from the state for
21 a reason permissible under AS 15.05.011 or another state or federal law related to
22 voting in elections, the division is not required to send a notice to the voter under
23 (a)(3) of this section.

24 (k) In addition to a notice or response required under this section, at any time
25 the division may contact a voter to obtain or a voter may contact the division to
26 provide information to determine the voter's residence.

27 * **Sec. 9.** AS 15.07.195 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

28 (e) The director shall publish on the division's Internet website notice of the
29 nature and severity of a data breach of information made confidential by this section
30 and report the details of the breach to the president of the senate and the speaker of the
31 house of representatives

1 (1) before the day of an election, if the data breach happens or is
2 discovered within 14 days before an election;

3 (2) before certifying the results of an election, if the data breach
4 happens or is discovered on or after the day of the election but before certification of
5 the election results; or

6 (3) within 30 days after the data breach, if the data breach happens or
7 is discovered 14 or more days before an election or after the certification of the
8 election results.

9 (f) Notwithstanding (e) of this section, the director may delay publishing
10 notice of a data breach if a law enforcement agency investigating the data breach
11 informs the director that disclosure of the data breach would compromise an ongoing
12 investigation into the data breach.

13 * **Sec. 10.** AS 15.10.105 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 (c) The director shall employ a rural community liaison. The rural community
15 liaison shall collaborate with tribes and municipalities to facilitate access in rural areas
16 of the state to absentee voting and, where it is available, early voting and ensure that
17 precincts in rural areas of the state are adequately staffed.

18 * **Sec. 11.** AS 15.13.400(19) is amended to read:

19 (19) "true source" means,

20 **(A) for a contribution made for the purpose of influencing a**
21 **ballot proposition or question, the person or legal entity that makes the**
22 **contribution or independent expenditure to support or oppose the**
23 **proposition or question; or**

24 **(B) for a contribution made for the purpose of influencing**
25 **the nomination or election of a candidate,**

26 **(i)** the person or legal entity whose contribution is
27 funded from wages, investment income, inheritance, or revenue
28 generated from selling goods or services;

29 **(ii)** a person or legal entity who **derives** [DERIVED]
30 funds via contributions, donations, dues, or gifts is not the true source
31 [.] but **is** [RATHER] an intermediary for the true source **except that,**

1 for a contribution from [; NOTWITHSTANDING THE
2 FOREGOING, TO THE EXTENT] a membership organization that
3 receives dues or contributions of less than \$2,000 per person per year,
4 the organization itself is [SHALL BE CONSIDERED] the true source.

5 * **Sec. 12.** AS 15.15.060(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Immediately following the appointment of the election board, the election
7 supervisor in conjunction with the election board chair shall secure polling places for
8 holding the election, suitable ballot boxes that will ensure [ASSURE] security, and an
9 adequate number of voting booths or screens, national flags, pens, and pencils. At
10 every polling place, at least one voting booth shall be furnished and not less than one
11 voting booth or screen shall be furnished for each 100 votes or fractional part of 100
12 votes cast in the previous election. [AT EVERY POLLING PLACE, AT LEAST
13 ONE-HALF OF THE VOTING BOOTHS USED SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN SIX
14 FEET IN HEIGHT, ENCLOSED ON THREE SIDES, AND PROVIDED WITH A
15 CURTAIN EXTENDING FROM THE TOP OF THE VOTING BOOTH TO
16 WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 30 INCHES OF THE FLOOR. THE CURTAIN OF
17 THE VOTING BOOTH MUST CONCEAL THE VOTER WHILE VOTING.] The
18 election supervisor and the election board chair may, in an emergency, secure an
19 alternate location for a polling place.

20 * **Sec. 13.** AS 15.15.060(b) is amended to read:

21 (b) To ensure [ASSURE] administrative economy and to protect the secrecy
22 of the ballot, the director may adopt regulations prescribing

23 (1) the type of polling place for holding the election;

24 (2) the requirements regarding ballot boxes, voting screens, national
25 flags, and other supplies; and

26 (3) [SUBJECT TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF (a) OF THIS
27 SECTION,] the requirements regarding voting booths.

28 * **Sec. 14.** AS 15.15.225(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) Before being allowed to vote, each voter shall exhibit to an election official
30 one form of identification, including

31 [(1)] an official voter registration card, driver's license, state

1 identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or
2 identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe [HUNTING OR
3 FISHING LICENSE; OR

4 (2) AN ORIGINAL OR A COPY OF A CURRENT UTILITY BILL,
5 BANK STATEMENT, PAYCHECK, GOVERNMENT CHECK, OR OTHER
6 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT; AN ITEM EXHIBITED UNDER THIS
7 PARAGRAPH MUST SHOW THE NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF THE
8 VOTER].

9 * **Sec. 15.** AS 15.15.370 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (b) Each day that the director releases unofficial totals of election results for a
11 general election, the director shall also

12 (1) release an updated tabulation;

13 (2) identify the precincts that have been counted;

14 (3) identify the days on which absentee ballots have been logged and
15 counted, including a summary of the count codes used on ballots in each district each
16 day;

17 (4) identify the districts in which early votes were cast and the days on
18 which votes were cast in each district; and

19 (5) identify the precincts and count codes of questioned ballots that
20 have been counted.

21 (c) Each day that an absentee ballot is reviewed under AS 15.20.201 or a
22 questioned ballot is reviewed under AS 15.20.207, the director shall display on the
23 division's Internet website an updated unofficial total detailing the number of absentee
24 ballots and questioned ballots counted for each count code.

25 (d) In this section, "count code" means a code assigned to a ballot by the
26 division that designates the races in which the ballot is to be counted during a district
27 absentee ballot counting review conducted under AS 15.20.203 or a district questioned
28 ballot review conducted under AS 15.20.207.

29 * **Sec. 16.** AS 15.15.380 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 15.15.380. Payment of election board members.** The director shall pay
31 each election board member for time spent at election duties, including the receiving

1 of instructions. Election board chairpersons and the chairperson and members of the
2 absentee ballot, questioned ballot, and state ballot counting review boards shall be
3 paid for time spent at their election duties. The director shall set the compensation to
4 be paid under this section [BY REGULATION].

5 * **Sec. 17.** AS 15.20.030 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 15.20.030. Preparation of ballots, envelopes, and other material.** The
7 director shall provide ballots for use as absentee ballots in all districts. The director
8 shall provide a secrecy sleeve in which the voter shall initially place the marked ballot
9 [.] and shall provide **a postage-paid return** [AN] envelope with the prescribed voter's
10 certificate on it, in which the secrecy sleeve with ballot enclosed shall be placed. The
11 director shall prescribe the form of and prepare the voter's certificate, envelopes, and
12 other material used in absentee voting. The voter's certificate shall include a
13 declaration, for use when required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all respects, a
14 blank for the voter's signature, a certification that the affiant properly executed the
15 marking of the ballot and gave the voter's identity, blanks for the attesting official or
16 witness, and a place for recording the date the envelope was sealed and witnessed. The
17 envelope with the voter's certificate **may not identify a voter's party affiliation but**
18 must include a notice that false statements made by the voter or by the attesting
19 official or witness on the certificate are punishable by law.

20 * **Sec. 18.** AS 15.20.081(f) is amended to read:

21 (f) The director shall require a voter casting an absentee ballot by mail to
22 provide proof of identification or other information to aid in the establishment of the
23 voter's identity as prescribed by regulations adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative
24 Procedure Act). If the voter is a first-time voter who initially registered by mail or by
25 facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director under
26 AS 15.07.050 and has not met the identification requirements set out in AS 15.07.060,
27 the voter must provide one of the following forms of proof of identification:

28 [(1)] a copy of a driver's license, state identification card, current and
29 valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or **identification card issued by**
30 **a federally recognized tribe** [HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE; OR

31 (2) A COPY OF A CURRENT UTILITY BILL, BANK

1 STATEMENT, PAYCHECK, GOVERNMENT CHECK, OR OTHER
2 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT; AN ITEM PROVIDED UNDER THIS
3 PARAGRAPH MUST SHOW THE NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF THE
4 VOTER].

5 * **Sec. 19.** AS 15.20.081(h) is amended to read:

6 (h) Except as provided in AS 15.20.480, an absentee ballot returned by mail
7 from outside the United States or from an overseas voter qualifying under
8 AS 15.05.011 that has been marked and mailed not later than election day may not be
9 counted unless the ballot is received by the election supervisor not later than the close
10 of business on the

11 [(1)] 10th day following the [A PRIMARY] election [OR SPECIAL
12 PRIMARY ELECTION UNDER AS 15.40.140; OR

13 (2) 15TH DAY FOLLOWING A GENERAL ELECTION OR
14 SPECIAL ELECTION, OTHER THAN A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
15 DESCRIBED IN (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION].

16 * **Sec. 20.** AS 15.20.170 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 15.20.170. Disposition of ballots.** Each absentee voting official shall
18 transmit the dated envelopes containing the marked ballots by the most expeditious
19 mail service to the election supervisor for the district. Upon receipt of the absentee
20 ballots, the election supervisor shall stamp on the envelope the date on which the
21 ballot is received. **In this section, "mail service" includes delivery by optical**
22 **scanning and electronic transmission.**

23 * **Sec. 21.** AS 15.20.201(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) **Not** [NO] less than **12** [SEVEN] days preceding the day of election, the
25 election supervisor, in the presence and with the assistance of the district absentee
26 ballot counting board, shall review all voter certificates of absentee ballots received by
27 that date. The review of absentee ballots shall continue at times designated by the
28 election supervisor until completed.

29 * **Sec. 22.** AS 15.20.220(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) The state review board shall review and count absentee ballots under
31 AS 15.20.081(e) and (h), **absentee ballots properly cured under AS 15.20.222(c),**

1 and questioned ballots that have been forwarded to the director and that have not been
2 reviewed or counted by a district counting board.

3 * **Sec. 23.** AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 15.20.221. Ballot-tracking system.** (a) The director shall establish an
5 online ballot-tracking system. If the director procures the system from a third party,
6 the third party must be a corporation that is incorporated in the United States. The
7 system must be designed to allow a voter to easily use the system through a mobile
8 electronic device. The system must allow a voter to

9 (1) confirm that the voter's ballot has been sent by the division;

10 (2) track the date of the ballot's delivery to the voter;

11 (3) confirm the division's receipt of the voter's ballot;

12 (4) determine whether the voter's ballot has been counted; and

13 (5) provide the information necessary to cure a rejected ballot.

14 (b) The online ballot-tracking system must

15 (1) use multi-factor authentication to verify a voter's identity; and

16 (2) indicate to a voter

17 (A) the process by which the voter may cure the lack of
18 signature or verify the voter's identity, if the signature on the voter's ballot was
19 missing; and

20 (B) the reason the voter's ballot was not counted, if the ballot
21 was not counted.

22 (c) The division may not charge a voter a fee to use the online ballot-tracking
23 system.

24 * **Sec. 24.** AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 **Sec. 15.20.222. Procedure for curing uncounted ballot.** (a) If a voter's ballot
26 is rejected because the certificate is missing a voter's signature or the signature of an
27 attesting official or witness or the voter provided insufficient voter identification, the
28 director shall immediately make a reasonable effort to contact the voter, explain the
29 ballot deficiency, explain that the deficiency may be cured under this section, and
30 inform the voter of the deadline to cure the ballot. The director shall, within 24 hours,
31 send a notice of deficiency by electronic mail to the voter's electronic mail address if

1 the voter has provided an electronic mail address. If the voter has provided a telephone
2 number, the director shall, within 24 hours, attempt to notify the voter of the
3 deficiency by telephone call and text message. The director shall, within 48 hours, but
4 not later than five days after election day, send a notice of deficiency by first class,
5 nonforwardable mail to the address provided on the voter's absentee ballot application
6 or, if no address was provided on the voter's absentee ballot application, to the mailing
7 address in the voter's registration record.

8 (b) A notice of deficiency must include a form for the voter to confirm that the
9 voter returned a ballot to the division, provide a copy of a form of identification
10 accepted by the division under AS 15.15.225(a), and provide a signature. The director
11 shall provide a printed copy of the form with the notice of deficiency mailed to the
12 voter. The director shall also make the form available in a format that can be
13 completed and returned electronically.

14 (c) The rejected ballot of a voter who received a notice of deficiency may be
15 counted only if

16 (1) the voter returns the completed form sent with the notice of
17 deficiency, the division receives the form within 10 days after election day, and the
18 form confirms that the voter returned a ballot to the division;

19 (2) the voter signs the form sent with the notice of deficiency and
20 includes a copy of a form of identification accepted by the division under
21 AS 15.15.225(a); and

22 (3) the ballot is otherwise valid.

23 (d) A voter's rejected ballot may not be counted and the director shall, if
24 applicable, send copies of the signature on the voter's return envelope to the attorney
25 general for investigation if the voter returns the form and the form indicates that the
26 voter did not return a ballot to the division.

27 * **Sec. 25.** AS 15.56.030(d) is amended to read:

28 (d) For purposes of (a)(2) and (3) of this section, "other valuable thing"

29 (1) includes

30 (A) an entry in a game of chance in which a prize of money or
31 other present or future pecuniary gain or advantage may be awarded to a

1 participant wherein the total of the prizes offered is greater than \$2 per
2 participant with a maximum of \$100; and

3 (B) government employment or benefits;

4 (2) does not include

5 (A) materials having a nominal value bearing the name,
6 likeness, or other identification of a candidate, political party, political group,
7 party district committee, or organization, or stating a position on a ballot
8 proposition or question;

9 (B) food and refreshments provided incidental to an activity
10 that is nonpartisan in nature and directed at encouraging persons to vote, or
11 incidental to a gathering in support of or in opposition to a candidate, political
12 party, political group, party district committee, organization, or ballot question
13 or proposition;

14 (C) care of the voter's dependents provided in connection with
15 the absence of a voter from home for the purpose of voting;

16 (D) services provided by a person acting as a representative
17 under AS 15.20.072;

18 (E) services provided by an election official as defined in
19 AS 15.80.010; [AND]

20 (F) transportation of a voter to or from the polls without
21 charge; **and**

22 **(G) postage-paid return envelopes required in**
23 **AS 15.20.030.**

24 * **Sec. 26.** AS 15.56.060(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) A person commits the crime of unlawful interference with an election if
26 the person

27 (1) induces or attempts to induce an election official to fail in the
28 official's duty by force, threat, intimidation, or offers of reward;

29 (2) intentionally changes, attempts to change, or causes to be changed
30 an official election document including ballots, tallies, and returns;

31 (3) intentionally delays, attempts to delay, or causes to be delayed the

1 sending of the certificate, register, ballots, or other materials whether original or
2 duplicate, required to be sent by AS 15.15.370; [OR]

3 (4) is contracted or employed by the state to print or reproduce in any
4 manner an official ballot, and the person knowingly

5 (A) personally appropriates, or gives or delivers to, or permits
6 to be taken by anyone other than a person authorized by the director, official
7 ballots; or

8 (B) prints or reproduces or has printed or reproduced official
9 ballots in a form or with a content other than that prescribed by law or as
10 directed by the director;

11 **(5) intentionally opens or tampers with a signed absentee ballot**
12 **certificate, sealed absentee ballot envelope, or package of ballots without express**
13 **authorization from the director; or**

14 **(6) intentionally breaches, hacks, alters, or tampers with election**
15 **machinery, including a tabulator, a program, a system, a server, or software used**
16 **to verify identity, count or tabulate, or manage or control an election function.**

17 * Sec. 27. AS 15.56.070(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) A person commits the crime of election official misconduct in the first
19 degree if, while an election official, the person

20 (1) intentionally fails to perform an election duty or knowingly does an
21 unauthorized act with the intent to affect an election or its results;

22 (2) knowingly permits or makes or attempts to make a false count of
23 election returns; [OR]

24 (3) intentionally conceals, withholds, destroys, or attempts to conceal,
25 withhold, or destroy election returns; **or**

26 **(4) knowingly discloses, shares, or reports to a person who is not**
27 **an election official election results, returns, or any confidential election data**
28 **before the polls close on election day.**

29 * Sec. 28. AS 43.23.101 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 43.23.101. Voter registration. Each month, the** [THE] commissioner
31 shall [ESTABLISH BY RULE A SCHEDULE BY WHICH THE COMMISSIONER

1 WILL PROVIDE, AND SHALL] provide [AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE] the
 2 director of elections with **the following information for each permanent fund**
 3 **dividend applicant:**

4 (1) **the** electronic **record** [RECORDS FROM THE PERMANENT
 5 FUND DIVIDEND APPLICATIONS] of the information required by
 6 AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9) [,] and the attestation that **the** [SUCH]
 7 information is true [,] for each permanent fund dividend applicant; [WHO

8 (A) IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES; AND

9 (B) IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE OR WILL BE
 10 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION; AND]

11 (2) the **applicant's** mailing **address; and**

12 **(3) whether the applicant has claimed residency in another state**

13 [ADDRESSES FOR ALL PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND APPLICANTS].

14 * **Sec. 29.** AS 43.23.101 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

15 (b) The commissioner shall develop security protocols that ensure data
 16 required to be stored or transferred under this section is securely stored or transferred.

17 (c) In cooperation with the division of elections under AS 15.07.070(o), the
 18 commissioner shall submit an annual report to the governor and to the senate secretary
 19 and chief clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first day of each
 20 regular session of the legislature and notify the legislature that the report is available.

21 * **Sec. 30.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 22 read:

23 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The division of elections shall provide a report
 24 to the legislature by the first day of the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Fifth Alaska State
 25 Legislature recommending options for expanding early voting in rural communities and low-
 26 income neighborhoods. The division shall deliver the report to the senate secretary and the
 27 chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is
 28 available. In this section,

29 (1) "low-income neighborhood" means a neighborhood where the median
 30 family income is below 80 percent of the statewide median family income;

31 (2) "rural community" means a community with a population of 7,500 or less

1 that is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks or a community with a
2 population of 3,500 or less that is connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks.

3 * **Sec. 31.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
4 read:

5 APPLICABILITY. AS 15.56.030(d), as amended by sec. 25 of this Act,
6 AS 15.56.060(a), as amended by sec. 26 of this Act, and AS 15.56.070(a), as amended by sec.
7 27 of this Act, apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of secs. 25 - 27 of
8 this Act.

9 * **Sec. 32.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

11 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The division of elections may adopt regulations
12 necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect under
13 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law
14 implemented by the regulation.

15 * **Sec. 33.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
16 read:

17 TRANSITION: PROCUREMENT. The division of elections may, under AS 36.30
18 (State Procurement Code), procure equipment, supplies, services, and professional services
19 necessary to implement the changes made by this Act.

20 * **Sec. 34.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
21 read:

22 CONDITIONAL EFFECT. (a) AS 15.20.221, enacted by sec. 23 of this Act, takes
23 effect only if AS 15.20.222, enacted by sec. 24 of this Act, takes effect.

24 (b) AS 15.20.222, enacted by sec. 24 of this Act, takes effect only if AS 15.20.221,
25 enacted by sec. 23 of this Act, takes effect.

26 * **Sec. 35.** Section 11 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2027.

27 * **Sec. 36.** Sections 32 and 33 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

28 * **Sec. 37.** Except as provided in sec. 36 of this Act, this Act takes effect August 31, 2026.