

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE BY REPRESENTATIVE TOMASZEWSKI
TO: HCS CSSB 64(FIN), Draft Version "B"

1 Page 1, following line 7:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **** Section 1.** AS 15.07.050(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Registration may be made

5 (1) in person before a registration official or through a voter
6 registration agency;

7 (2) by another individual on behalf of the voter if the voter has
8 executed a written general power of attorney or a written special power of attorney
9 authorizing that other individual to register the voter;

10 (3) by mail;

11 (4) by facsimile transmission, scanning, or another method of
12 electronic transmission that the director approves; or

13 (5) by **requesting to be registered as a voter on** [COMPLETING] a
14 permanent fund dividend application **form** under AS 43.23.015."

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16 Page 1, line 8:

17 Delete "**Section 1**"

18 Insert "**Sec. 2**"

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20 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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22 Page 2, line 5:

23 Delete "completing"

1 Insert "**requesting registration on** [COMPLETING]"

2 Following "application"

3 Insert "**form and including the information required under (a)(1) - (4) and**
4 **(7) - (9) of this section**"

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6 Page 2, following line 12:

7 Insert new bill sections to read:

8 **** Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.070(i) is amended to read:

9 (i) The division shall register voters **under** [WHO SUBMIT AN
10 APPLICATION TO RECEIVE A PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND IN
11 ACCORDANCE WITH] (j) - (m) of this section **who request to be registered on a**
12 **permanent fund dividend application form submitted under AS 43.23.015 to the**
13 **Department of Revenue. The director shall treat an eligible permanent fund**
14 **dividend applicant as a new or updated registered voter, unless the permanent**
15 **fund dividend applicant who requests to be registered does not provide the**
16 **information required under AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9).**

17 *** Sec. 5.** AS 15.07.070(k) is amended to read:

18 (k) Upon receipt of the registration information, the director shall, as soon as
19 practicable and in accordance with a schedule established by the director by rule,
20 **process the registration information received and** notify, by United States mail and
21 any other means authorized by the director, each applicant **who requested**
22 **registration of the applicant's registration status** [NOT ALREADY REGISTERED
23 TO VOTE] at the address provided in the applicant's application

24 [(1) OF THE PROCESSES TO

25 (A) DECLINE TO BE REGISTERED AS A VOTER;

26 (B) MAINTAIN AN EXISTING VOTER REGISTRATION
27 OR BE NEWLY REGISTERED AT A VALID PLACE OF RESIDENCE
28 NOT PROVIDED IN THE APPLICANT'S APPLICATION; AND

29 (C) ADOPT A POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION; AND

30 (2) THAT FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE NOTIFICATION
31 SHALL CONSTITUTE THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO CANCEL ANY

1 REGISTRATION TO VOTE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION].

2 * **Sec. 6.** AS 15.07.070(*l*) is amended to read:

3 (l) If an applicant **requests** [DOES NOT DECLINE] to be registered as a
 4 voter, **the** [WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DIRECTOR ISSUES THE
 5 NOTIFICATION, THE APPLICATION UNDER AS 43.23.015 WILL
 6 CONSTITUTE A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM. THE] name of the
 7 applicant shall be placed on the master register if the director determines that the
 8 person is qualified to vote under AS 15.05.010, and the director shall forward to the
 9 applicant a registration card. If registration is denied, the applicant shall immediately
 10 be informed in writing that registration was denied and the reason for denial."
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12 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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 14 Page 15, following line 28:

15 Insert a new bill section to read:

16 ** **Sec. 32.** AS 43.23.015(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) The department shall prescribe and furnish an application form for
 18 claiming a permanent fund dividend. The application must include

19 (1) notice of the penalties provided for under AS 43.23.270;

20 (2) a statement of eligibility and a certification of residency;

21 (3) the means for an applicant eligible to vote under AS 15.05, or a
 22 person authorized to act on behalf of the applicant, to **request that the applicant be**
 23 **registered as a voter, to** furnish information required by AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and
 24 (7) - (9), and **to attest** [AN ATTESTATION] that **the** [SUCH] information is true."
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26 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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 28 Page 16, lines 7 - 10:

29 Delete "; [WHO

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

31 (B) IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE OR WILL BE

- 1 Delete "sec. 24"
- 2 Insert "sec. 28"
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- 4 Page 17, line 25:
 - 5 Delete "sec. 23"
 - 6 Insert "sec. 27"
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- 8 Page 17, line 26:
 - 9 Delete "Section 11"
 - 10 Insert "Section 15"
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- 12 Page 17, line 27:
 - 13 Delete "Sections 32 and 33"
 - 14 Insert "Sections 37 and 38"
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- 16 Page 17, line 28:
 - 17 Delete "sec. 36"
 - 18 Insert "secs. 40 and 41"

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A M E N D M E N T

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1 Page 1, line 2, following "**contributions**";:

2 Insert "**relating to write-in candidates for President and Vice-President of the**
3 **United States**;"

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5 Page 8, following line 4:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 "*** Sec. 12.** AS 15.15.030 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 15.15.030. Preparation of official ballot.** The director shall prepare all
9 official ballots to facilitate fairness, simplicity, and clarity in the voting procedure, to
10 reflect most accurately the intent of the voter, and to expedite the administration of
11 elections. The following directives shall be followed when applicable:

12 (1) The director shall determine the size of the ballot, the type of print,
13 necessary additional instruction notes to voters, and other similar matters of form not
14 provided by law.

15 (2) The director shall number ballots in series to ensure simplicity and
16 secrecy and to prevent fraud.

17 (3) The director shall contract for the preparation of ballots under
18 AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code).

19 (4) The director may not include on the ballot, as a part of a candidate's
20 name, any honorary or assumed title or prefix but may include in the candidate's name
21 any nickname or familiar form of a proper name of the candidate.

22 (5) The names of the candidates shall be placed in separate sections on
23 the state general election ballot under the office designation to which they were

1 nominated. If a candidate is registered as affiliated with a political party or political
2 group, the party affiliation, if any, may be designated after the name of the candidate,
3 upon request of the candidate. If a candidate has requested designation as nonpartisan
4 or undeclared, that designation shall be placed after the name of the candidate. If a
5 candidate is not registered as affiliated with a political party or political group and has
6 not requested to be designated as nonpartisan or undeclared, the candidate shall be
7 designated as undeclared. The lieutenant governor and the governor shall be included
8 under the same section. Provision shall be made for voting for write-in candidates
9 within each section. Paper ballots for the state general election shall be printed on
10 white paper.

11 (6) The names of the candidates for each office shall be set out in the
12 same order on ballots printed for use in each house district. The director shall
13 randomly determine the order of the names of the candidates for state representative
14 for each house district. The director shall rotate the order of placement of the names of
15 candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator, United States
16 representative, and state senator on the ballot for each house district.

17 (7) The general election ballot shall be designed with the names of
18 candidates of each political party, and of any independent candidates qualified under
19 AS 15.30.026, for the office of President and Vice-President of the United States
20 placed in the same section on the ballot rather than the names of electors of President
21 and Vice-President. **Provision shall be made for voting for write-in candidates for**
22 **President and Vice-President.**

23 (8) The general or special election ballot shall be designed with the
24 title and proposition for any initiative, referendum, or constitutional amendment
25 formulated as prescribed by law and placed on the ballot in the manner prescribed by
26 the director. When placed on the ballot, a state ballot proposition or ballot question
27 shall carry the number that was assigned to the petition for the proposition or question.
28 Provision shall be made for marking the proposition "Yes" or "No."

29 (9) The general or special election ballot shall be designed with the
30 question of whether a constitutional convention shall be called placed on the ballot in
31 the following manner: "Shall there be a constitutional convention?" Provision shall be

1 made for marking the question "Yes" or "No."

2 (10) A nonpartisan ballot shall be designed for each judicial district in
3 which a justice or judge is seeking retention in office. The ballot shall be divided into
4 four parts. Each part must bear a heading indicating the court to which the candidate is
5 seeking approval, and provision shall be made for marking each question "Yes" or
6 "No." Within each part, the question of whether the justice or judge shall be approved
7 or rejected shall be set out in substantially the following manner:

8 (A) "Shall be retained as justice of the supreme court for
9 10 years?";

10 (B) "Shall be retained as judge of the court of appeals for
11 eight years?";

12 (C) "Shall be retained as judge of the superior court for six
13 years?"; or

14 (D) "Shall be retained as judge of the district court for four
15 years?"

16 (11) When the legislature by law authorizes a state debt for capital
17 improvements, the director shall place the question of whether the specific
18 authorization shall be ratified by placing the ballot title and question on the next
19 general election ballot, or on the special election ballot if a special election is held for
20 the purpose of ratifying the state debt for capital improvements before the time of the
21 next general election. Unless specifically provided otherwise in the Act authorizing
22 the debt, the ballot title shall, by the use of a few words in a succinct manner, indicate
23 the general subject of the Act. The question shall, by the use of a few sentences in a
24 succinct manner, give a true and impartial summary of the Act authorizing the state
25 debt. The question of whether state debt shall be contracted shall be assigned a letter
26 of the alphabet on the ballot. Provision shall be made for marking the question
27 substantially as follows:

28 "Bonds..... Yes" or "Bonds..... No,"

29 followed by an appropriate oval.

30 (12) The director may provide for the optical scanning of ballots where
31 the requisite equipment is available.

1 (13) The director may provide for voting by use of electronically
2 generated ballots by a voter who requests to use a machine that produces electronically
3 generated ballots.

4 (14) The director shall include the following statement on the ballot:

5 A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that
6 the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political
7 party or group or that the party or group approves of or
8 associates with that candidate, but only that the
9 candidate is registered as affiliated with the political
10 party or political group.

11 (15) Instead of the statement provided by (14) of this section, when
12 candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States appear on a general
13 election ballot, the director shall include the following statement on the ballot:

14 A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that
15 the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political
16 party or political group or that the political party or
17 political group approves of or associates with that
18 candidate, but only that the candidate is registered as
19 affiliated with the party or group. The election for
20 President and Vice-President of the United States is
21 different. Some candidates for President and Vice-
22 President are the official nominees of their political
23 party.

24 (16) The director shall design the general election ballots so that the
25 candidates are selected by ranked-choice voting.

26 (17) The director shall design the general election ballot to direct the
27 voter to mark candidates in order of preference and to mark as many choices as the
28 voter wishes, but not to assign the same ranking to more than one candidate for the
29 same office."

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Page 9, following line 8:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 16.** AS 15.15.360(d) is amended to read:

(d) Write-in votes shall be counted according to the following rules:

(1) writing in the name of a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot does not invalidate a write-in vote unless the director determines, on the basis of other evidence, that the ballot was so marked for the purpose of identifying the ballot;

(2) in order to vote for a write-in candidate, the voter must write in the candidate's name in the space provided and fill in the oval opposite the candidate's name in accordance with (a)(1) of this section;

(3) a vote for a write-in candidate, other than a write-in vote for governor and lieutenant governor **or for President and Vice-President of the United States**, shall be counted if the oval is filled in for that candidate and if the name of the candidate, as it appears on the write-in declaration of candidacy, or the last name of the candidate is written in the space provided;

(4) if the write-in vote is for governor and lieutenant governor, the vote shall be counted if the oval is filled in and the names of the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, as they appear on the write-in declaration of candidacy, or the last names of the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, or the name of the candidate for governor, as it appears on the write-in declaration of candidacy, or the last name of the candidate for governor is written in the space provided;

(5) **if the write-in vote is for President and Vice-President of the United States, the vote shall be counted if the oval is filled in and the names of the candidates for President and Vice-President, as they appear on the write-in declaration of candidacy, or the last names of the candidates for President and Vice-President, or the name of the candidate for President, as it appears on the write-in declaration of candidacy, or the last name of the candidate for President is written in the space provided;**

(6) in counting votes for a write-in candidate, the director shall disregard any abbreviation, misspelling, or other minor variation in the form of the

1 name of a candidate if the intention of the voter can be ascertained."

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3 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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5 Page 13, following line 26:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 "* **Sec. 27.** AS 15.25.105 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (d) A write-in candidate running for the office of President of the United
9 States must file a letter with the director certifying the information required under
10 AS 15.30.026(b)."

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12 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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14 Page 17, line 5:

15 Delete "sec. 25"

16 Insert "sec. 28"

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18 Page 17, line 6:

19 Delete "sec. 26"

20 Insert "sec. 29"

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22 Page 17, lines 6 - 7:

23 Delete "sec. 27"

24 Insert "sec. 30"

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26 Page 17, line 7:

27 Delete "secs. 25 - 27"

28 Insert "secs. 28 - 30"

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30 Page 17, line 22:

31 Delete "sec. 23"

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3 Page 17, line 23:

4 Delete "sec. 24"

5 Insert "sec. 26"

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7 Page 17, line 24:

8 Delete "sec. 24"

9 Insert "sec. 26"

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11 Page 17, line 25:

12 Delete "sec. 23"

13 Insert "sec. 25"

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15 Page 17, line 27:

16 Delete "Sections 32 and 33"

17 Insert "Sections 35 and 36"

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19 Page 17, line 28:

20 Delete "sec. 36"

21 Insert "secs. 38 and 39"

AMENDMENT #3

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1 Page 10, lines 15 - 16:

2 Delete "blanks for the attesting official or witness,"

3 Insert "[BLANKS FOR THE ATTESTING OFFICIAL OR WITNESS,]"

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5 Page 10, line 16:

6 Delete "and witnessed"

7 Insert "[AND WITNESSED]"

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9 Page 10, lines 18 - 19:

10 Delete "or by the attesting official or witness"

11 Insert "[OR BY THE ATTESTING OFFICIAL OR WITNESS]"

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13 Page 10, following line 19:

14 Insert a new bill section to read:

15 "* **Sec. 18.** AS 15.20.081(d) is amended to read:

16 (d) Upon receipt of an absentee ballot by mail, the voter [, IN THE
17 PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC, COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE
18 ARMED FORCES INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD, DISTRICT JUDGE
19 OR MAGISTRATE, UNITED STATES POSTAL OFFICIAL, REGISTRATION
20 OFFICIAL, OR OTHER PERSON QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER OATHS,] may
21 proceed to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve, to place
22 the secrecy sleeve in the envelope provided, [AND] to sign the voter's certificate on
23 the envelope, **and to** [IN THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL LISTED IN THIS

1 SUBSECTION WHO SHALL SIGN AS ATTESTING OFFICIAL AND SHALL
 2 DATE THE SIGNATURE. IF NONE OF THE OFFICIALS LISTED IN THIS
 3 SUBSECTION IS REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE, AN ABSENTEE VOTER
 4 SHALL SIGN THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN
 5 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WHO SHALL SIGN AS
 6 A WITNESS AND ATTEST TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE VOTER SIGNED
 7 THE CERTIFICATE IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRESENCE, AND, IN ADDITION,
 8 THE VOTER SHALL] certify, as prescribed in AS 09.63.020, under penalty of
 9 perjury, that the statements in the voter's certification are true."
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11 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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 13 Page 11, following line 15:

14 Insert a new bill section to read:

15 **** Sec. 21.** AS 15.20.081 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (m) An absentee ballot may be counted only if the director verifies the
 17 signature of the voter casting the ballot using methods prescribed by regulations
 18 adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)."
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20 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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 22 Page 11, line 31:

23 Delete "and (h)"

24 Insert "and (m)"

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 26 Page 12, lines 26 - 27:

27 Delete "or the signature of an attesting official or witness"

28 Insert "[OR THE SIGNATURE OF AN ATTESTING OFFICIAL OR WITNESS]"
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30 Page 17, line 5:

31 Delete "sec. 25"

1 Insert "sec. 27"

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3 Page 17, line 6:

4 Delete "sec. 26"

5 Insert "sec. 28"

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7 Page 17, lines 6 - 7:

8 Delete "sec. 27"

9 Insert "sec. 29"

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11 Page 17, line 7:

12 Delete "secs. 25 - 27"

13 Insert "secs. 27 - 29"

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15 Page 17, lines 15 - 19:

16 Delete all material.

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18 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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20 Page 17, line 22:

21 Delete "sec. 23"

22 Insert "sec. 25"

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24 Page 17, line 23:

25 Delete "sec. 24"

26 Insert "sec. 26"

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28 Page 17, line 24:

29 Delete "sec. 24"

30 Insert "sec. 26"

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1 Page 17, line 25:

2 Delete "sec. 23"

3 Insert "sec. 25"

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5 Page 17, line 27:

6 Delete "Sections 32 and 33 of this Act take"

7 Insert "Section 34 of this Act takes"

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9 Page 17, line 28:

10 Delete "sec. 36"

11 Insert "secs. 36 and 37"

12 Delete "August 31, 2026"

13 Insert "July 1, 2027"

AMENDMENT #4

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TO: HCS CSSB 64(FIN), Draft Version "B"

- 1 Page 12, line 25, following "ballot":
- 2 Insert "is received by the close of business on the day of the election and"

AMENDMENT #5

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BYNUM

TO: HCS CSSB 64(FIN), Draft Version "B"

1 Page 16, lines 7 - 10:

2 Delete "¿ [WHO

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

4 (B) IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE OR WILL BE

5 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION; AND]"

6 Insert "who

7 (A) is a citizen of the United States; and

8 (B) is at least 18 years of age or will be within 90 days of the

9 date of the application; [AND]"

AMENDMENT #6

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BYNUM

TO: HCS CSSB 64(FIN), Draft Version "B"

1 Page 17, lines 27 - 28:

2 Delete all material and insert:

3 "* **Sec. 36.** Sections 22 - 24 and 34 of this Act take effect October 19, 2026.

4 * **Sec. 37.** Except as provided in secs. 35 and 36 of this Act, this Act takes effect
5 immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."