



SB 70 Sectional Analysis (Version 34-GS1548\A)

Section 1 amends AS 14.08.041(b) concerning regional school boards by removing language to conform to the change to four-year terms for regional school board members made in Section 2.

Section 2 amends AS 14.08.061(a) by establishing staggered four-year terms for regional school board members.

Sections 3 and 4 amend AS 14.08.071(b) and (e) to require that regional educational attendance area and advisory school board elections occur every odd-numbered year instead of annually.

Section 5 amends AS 15.05.020 by removing the "intent to return" language from paragraphs (2) and (4) for purposes of determining residence for voting.

Section 6 amends AS 15.07.050(a) concerning the manner of registration by eliminating the option of voter registration via the submission of a permanent fund dividend application.

Section 7 amends AS 15.07.060(e) relating to required voter registration information to remove automatic voter registration via the permanent fund dividend application process.

Section 8 amends AS 15.07.070(f) relating to procedures for registration to make conforming changes with the removal of automatic voter registration via the permanent fund dividend application process.

Sections 9 and 10 amend AS 15.07.130(a) and (b) relating to voter registration list maintenance to remove the requirement for the division to send a list-maintenance notice by nonforwardable mail to an inactive voter, thereby transitioning to a one-notice system. The amendments also add provisions allowing a person who is ineligible for a permanent fund dividend or who has received a driver's license in another state to receive a notice.

Sections 11 and 12 amend AS 15.15.060(a) and (b) relating to polling places, voting booths, and supplies by removing the size and number specifications for voting booths.

Section 13 amends AS 15.15.380 relating to payment of election board members by removing the requirement that election worker and board member pay be set through the regulation process.

Section 14 amends AS 15.20.030 relating to the preparation of ballots to require that absentee ballot envelopes be postage prepaid with a pre-addressed return address.

Section 15 amends AS 15.20.064(a) relating to early voting to require that no early voting may occur in the five days before election day.

Section 16 amends AS 15.20.072 related to special needs voting by adding a new subsection to prohibit the division from rejecting a special needs ballot due to a mistake by an election official or representative.

Section 17 amends AS 15.20.081(e) relating to absentee voting to require that absentee ballots must be received by the division on or before election day.

Section 18 amends AS 15.20.170 relating to the disposition of ballots to allow the division to transmit dated envelopes containing marked ballots via optical scanning and electronic transmission.

Section 19 amends AS 15.20.201(a) relating to the time of district absentee ballot counting review to require the review of absentee voter certificates to begin 10 days before election day rather than seven days in current law.

Section 20 amends AS 15.20.220(b) relating to the procedure for state review to make conforming changes to the requirement that ballots be received by election day proposed in Section 17.

Section 21 amends AS 15.20.480 relating to the procedure for a recount to remove the requirement to count late-arriving ballots during a recount.

Section 22 amends AS 15.20.800(a) relating to voting by mail to allow the division to conduct an election by mail in communities with a population of 750 or less.

Section 23 amends AS 15.58.010 relating to the official election pamphlet (OEP) to remove the requirement for the division to mail the OEP to every voter household.

Section 24 amends AS 43.23.110(a) to make conforming changes related to removing automatic voter registration through the permanent fund dividend application process.

Section 25 repeals statutes relating to permanent fund dividend automatic voter registration and ballot receipt after election day.

Section 26 adds a new section of uncodified law to clarify that the terms of the regional school board members serving on the bill's effective date will expire as provided before its enactment.