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Sectional Analysis

House Bill 4, Version A

“An Act relating to write-in candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.”

Section 1 - Page 1, lines 4-14, through page 5, lines 1-4

Section 1 amends AS 15.15.030(7) to require that the general election ballot offers voters the option to write in candidates for president and vice president.

Section 2 - Page 5, lines 5-31 & page 6, lines 1-2

Section 2 amends AS 15.15.360(d)(3) to include write-in votes for president and vice president under the same rules for counting votes as write-ins for governor and lieutenant governor.

Section 2 also adds a new subsection, AS 15.15.360(d)(5) which specifies the conditions that must be met for the Division of Elections to count a write-in vote. A vote shall be counted if the oval is filled in and the names of the candidates for president and vice president are written in the space provided. At a minimum, voters must write the last name of the candidate for president for their write-in votes to count.

Section 3 - Page 6, Lines 3-6

Section 3 adds a new subsection (d) to AS 15.25.105 which states that a write-in candidate running for president must file a letter with the director of the Division of Elections certifying the information required by the division under AS 15.30.026(b), including the names of the candidate's electors for the Electoral College, the name of his vice presidential candidate running mate, the candidate's Alaska mailing address, and a signature of the state campaign chair.