

**SENATE BILL NO. 161**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI**

**Introduced: 1/18/22**

**Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the definition of 'political party'; and providing for an effective**  
2 **date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 15.80.010(27) is amended to read:

5 (27) "political party" means an organized group of voters that  
6 represents a political program and **has at least 5,000 registered voters in the state**

7 [(A) THAT HAS REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE  
8 EQUAL IN NUMBER TO AT LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL  
9 VOTES CAST FOR GOVERNOR AT THE PRECEDING GENERAL  
10 ELECTION;

11 (B) IF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR WAS NOT ON THE  
12 BALLOT AT THE PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION BUT THE OFFICE  
13 OF UNITED STATES SENATOR WAS ON THAT BALLOT, THAT HAS  
14 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE EQUAL IN NUMBER TO AT

1 LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR UNITED  
2 STATES SENATOR AT THAT GENERAL ELECTION; OR

3 (C) IF NEITHER THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR NOR THE  
4 OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR WAS ON THE BALLOT AT  
5 THE PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION, THAT HAS REGISTERED  
6 VOTERS IN THE STATE EQUAL IN NUMBER TO AT LEAST THREE  
7 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR UNITED STATES  
8 REPRESENTATIVE AT THAT GENERAL ELECTION];

9 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2023.