

AMENDMENT #1 failed 1-4

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

TO: CSSB 161(JUD)



1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert "relating to the verification of a political party's number of registered
3 voters;"

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5 Page 1, following line 3:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

7 ** Section 1. AS 15.80.008(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) A political group that the director has not recognized as a political party
9 may obtain recognized political party status if

10 (1) [,] on or before May 31 of the election year for which the political
11 group seeks recognition, the political group [(1)] files an application with the director;
12 and

13 (2) on January 1 of that year, the political group [SUBMITS
14 BYLAWS TO THE DIRECTOR AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
15 JUSTICE AS REQUIRED OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN AS 15.25.014; AND

16 (3)] meets the definition of a political party in AS 15.80.010.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 15.80.008(c) is amended to read:

18 (c) The director shall perform a verification described in (b) of this section on
19 January 1 of each [AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH AFTER THE DATE OF
20 CERTIFICATION OF THE PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION, EXCEPT THAT
21 THE DIRECTOR MAY SUSPEND THE MONTHLY VERIFICATIONS ON AND
22 AFTER JUNE 1 AND BEFORE NOVEMBER 30 OF A GENERAL ELECTION]
23 year. For purposes of (b) of this section, the director shall verify that the voters who

1 have submitted registration forms to the division of elections are qualified under
2 AS 15.05.010 and have declared affiliation with the political group or recognized
3 political party for which the verification is performed."
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5 Page 1, line 4:

6 Delete "Section 1"

7 Insert "Sec. 3"

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9 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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11 Page 1, lines 6 - 10:

12 Delete "beginning with the results of the 2030 decennial federal census,
13 following each decennial federal census, the division shall by regulation adjust this
14 number by the percentage of the change to the population of the state since the 2020
15 decennial federal census, rounded to the nearest 500"

AMENDMENT #2 withdrawn

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1 Page 1, line 6:

2 Delete "5,000"

3 Insert "250"

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5 Page 1, lines 6 - 10:

6 Delete "; beginning with the results of the 2030 decennial federal census,
7 following each decennial federal census, the division shall by regulation adjust this
8 number by the percentage of the change to the population of the state since the 2020
9 decennial federal census, rounded to the nearest 500"

AMENDMENT #3 Withdrawn

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1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert "relating to confidential affiliation with a political party or political group;"

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4 Page 1, following line 3:

5 Insert new bill sections to read:

6 ** Section 1. AS 15.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 15.07.073. Confidential affiliation with a political party or political**
8 **group.** (a) A voter registering as affiliated with a political party or political group may
9 request that the division keep confidential, to the extent provided under (c) and (d) of
10 this section, the voter's affiliation with the political party or political group.

11 (b) Subject to (c) and (d) of this section, the division shall keep confidential
12 the affiliation of a voter who requests that the voter's affiliation with a political party
13 or political group remain confidential under (a) of this section.

14 (c) The division shall notify the state chair of a political party or political
15 group, or another person authorized by the rules or bylaws of the political party or
16 political group, of the name of a voter who has registered as affiliated with the
17 political party or political group and who has requested that the voter's affiliation be
18 kept confidential under this section.

19 (d) A voter who chooses to keep confidential the voter's affiliation with a
20 political party or political group under this section may not be counted as affiliated
21 with the political party or political group unless, under AS 15.80.008(c), counting the
22 voter allows the political party or political group to maintain or obtain recognized
23 political party status under AS 15.80.008. The affiliation of a voter counted under this

1 subsection becomes public information, and the division may not continue to keep the
2 affiliation confidential.

3 * Sec. 2. AS 15.07.075 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 15.07.075. Voters unaffiliated with a political party.** The director shall
5 consider a voter to be a voter registered as

6 (1) "nonpartisan" and without a preference for a political party if the
7 voter registers as nonpartisan on a voter registration form;

8 (2) "undeclared" if the voter

9 (A) registers as undeclared on a voter registration form;

10 (B) fails to declare an affiliation with a political group or
11 political party on a voter registration form; or

12 (C) declares an affiliation with an entity other than a political
13 party or political group on a voter registration form; or

14 (3) "other" if the voter

15 (A) declares on a voter registration form an affiliation with a
16 political group; or

17 (B) requests to keep the voter's affiliation with a political
18 party or political group confidential under AS 15.07.073 and the voter's
19 affiliation is not made public under AS 15.07.073(d).

20 * Sec. 3. AS 15.07.127 is amended to read:

21 **Sec. 15.07.127. Preparation of master register.** Subject to AS 15.07.073
22 and 15.07.075, the [THE] director shall prepare both a statewide list and a list by
23 precinct of the names and addresses of all persons whose names appear on the master
24 register and their political party affiliation. Subject to the limitations of AS 15.07.195,
25 any person may obtain a copy of the list, or a part of the list, or an electronic format
26 containing both residence and mailing addresses of voters, by applying to the director
27 and paying to the state treasury a fee as determined by the director.

28 * Sec. 4. AS 15.07.195(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) The following information set out in state voter registration records is
30 confidential and is not open to public inspection:

31 (1) the voter's age or date of birth;

- 1 (2) the voter's social security number, or any part of that number;
- 2 (3) the voter's driver's license number;
- 3 (4) the voter's voter identification number;
- 4 (5) the voter's place of birth;
- 5 (6) the voter's signature;
- 6 **(7) the voter's affiliation with a political party or political group if**
- 7 **requested, and to the extent allowable, under AS 15.07.073.**

8 * Sec. 5. AS 15.07.195(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) Notwithstanding other provisions, and in compliance with federal law,
10 information made confidential by (a)(1) - (6) of this section may be released by the
11 division

12 (1) to a local, state, or federal government agency, including to the
13 child support services agency created in AS 25.27.010 or the child support
14 enforcement agency of another state; the agency receiving information under this
15 paragraph may use the information only for governmental purposes authorized under
16 law;

17 (2) in compliance with a court order;

18 (3) to a person holding a writ of execution against the person or
19 property of the voter;

20 (4) if the voter about whom information has been requested has
21 provided written consent to the release; or

22 (5) to another state or an organized group of states for the purpose of
23 ensuring the accuracy of the state's voter registration list prepared under AS 15.07.125
24 and the eligibility of persons on the list to vote in state elections, if the other state or
25 organized group of states maintains the confidentiality of the information using
26 information security management policies and procedures that comply with

27 (A) the information security standards of the International
28 Organization for Standardization; or

29 (B) a published information security standard used by the state
30 and approved by the Department of Administration.

31 * Sec. 6. AS 15.15.400 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 15.15.400. Preparation of voter list. Subject to AS 15.07.073 and**
 2 **15.07.075, the [THE] director shall prepare both a statewide list and a list by precinct**
 3 **of the names and addresses of all persons who voted in the election and their political**
 4 **party affiliation. Any person may obtain a copy of the list, or a part of the list, or a**
 5 **computer tape containing both residence and mailing addresses of voters, by applying**
 6 **to the director and paying to the state treasury a fee as determined by the director.**

7 * **Sec. 7. AS 15.80.008(c) is amended to read:**

8 (c) The director shall perform a verification described in (b) of this section at
 9 least once a month after the date of certification of the preceding general election,
 10 except that the director may suspend the monthly verifications on and after June 1 and
 11 before November 30 of a general election year. For purposes of (b) of this section, the
 12 director shall verify that the voters who have submitted registration forms to the
 13 division of elections are qualified under AS 15.05.010 and have declared affiliation
 14 with the political group or recognized political party for which the verification is
 15 performed. **A voter who requests that the voter's political affiliation remain**
 16 **confidential under AS 15.07.073 may not be counted as having declared**
 17 **affiliation with a political group or recognized political party under this section**
 18 **unless counting the voter allows the political party or political group to maintain**
 19 **or obtain recognized political party status under this section and**
 20 **AS 15.80.010(27).**"

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 22 Page 1, line 4:

23 Delete "Section 1"

24 Insert "Sec. 8"

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 26 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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 28 Page 2, following line 12:

29 Insert a new bill section to read:

30 ** **Sec. 9. AS 43.23.110(c) is amended to read:**

31 (c) Information submitted on a permanent fund dividend application that is

1 used for the purpose of registering an applicant to vote under AS 43.23.101 shall be
2 kept confidential by the division of elections as provided in AS 15.07.073 and
3 15.07.195 [AS 15.07.195]."
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5 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

AMENDMENT #4

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TO: CSSB 161(JUD)

1 Page 1, line 6:

2 Delete "represents a political program and"

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4 Page 1, line 10, following "500":

5 Insert "[REPRESENTS A POLITICAL PROGRAM AND"

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7 Page 1, line 11:

8 Delete "[(A)"

9 Insert "(A)"

AMENDMENT #5 withdrawn

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1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert "relating to voter registration;"

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4 Page 1, following line 3:

5 Insert new bill sections to read:

6 ** Section 1. AS 15.07.050(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, only the voter or the individual
8 authorized by the voter in a written power of attorney under (a) of this section may
9 mark the voter's choice of party or group affiliation on the voter registration
10 application form.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 15.07.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (d) A voter registration agency shall provide each applicant for registration or
13 reregistration the opportunity to adopt a political party or group affiliation. The voter
14 registration agency shall provide each applicant a complete list of political parties and
15 political groups in the state.

16 * Sec. 3. AS 15.07.070(j) is amended to read:

17 (j) The division shall cooperate with the Department of Revenue under
18 AS 43.23.101 to ensure that the permanent fund dividend application form furnished
19 by the Department of Revenue under AS 43.23.015 provides an applicant the
20 opportunity to adopt a political party or group affiliation, includes the list of
21 active political parties and political groups required under AS 15.07.050(d),
22 allows an applicant, a person who is designated in a power of attorney to act on behalf
23 of an applicant, or a person acting on behalf of a physically disabled applicant to

1 submit voter registration information required under AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) -
 2 (9), and requires an applicant to attest [AN ATTESTATION] that the required
 3 voter registration [SUCH] information is true. The director may require proof of
 4 identification of the applicant, if not already in the Department of Revenue's
 5 possession, as required by regulations adopted by the director under AS 44.62
 6 (Administrative Procedure Act).

7 * Sec. 4. AS 15.07.070(k) is amended to read:

8 (k) Upon receipt of an applicant's [THE] registration and political
 9 affiliation information provided under (j) of this section, the director shall, as soon
 10 as practicable and in accordance with a schedule established by the director by rule,
 11 notify by United States mail and any other means authorized by the director, each
 12 applicant not already registered to vote at the address provided in the applicant's
 13 application

14 (1) of the processes to

15 (A) decline to be registered as a voter; and

16 (B) maintain an existing voter registration or be newly
 17 registered at a valid place of residence not provided in the applicant's
 18 application; and

19 [(C) ADOPT A POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION; AND]

20 (2) that failure to respond to the notification shall constitute the
 21 applicant's consent to cancel any registration to vote in another jurisdiction.

22 * Sec. 5. AS 15.07.127 is amended to read:

23 **Sec. 15.07.127. Preparation of master register.** The director shall prepare
 24 both a statewide list and a list by precinct of the names and addresses of all persons
 25 whose names appear on the master register and their political [PARTY] affiliation.
 26 Subject to the limitations of AS 15.07.195, any person may obtain a copy of the list, or
 27 a part of the list, or an electronic format containing both residence and mailing
 28 addresses of voters, by applying to the director and paying to the state treasury a fee as
 29 determined by the director.

30 * Sec. 6. AS 15.15.400 is amended to read:

31 **Sec. 15.15.400. Preparation of voter list.** The director shall prepare both a

1 statewide list and a list by precinct of the names and addresses of all persons who
2 voted in the election and their political [PARTY] affiliation. Any person may obtain a
3 copy of the list, or a part of the list, or a computer tape containing both residence and
4 mailing addresses of voters, by applying to the director and paying to the state treasury
5 a fee as determined by the director."

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7 Page 1, line 4:

8 Delete "Section 1"

9 Insert "Sec. 7"

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11 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

AMENDMENT #6 withdrawn

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
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1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert "relating to changing the name of a political group or recognized political
3 party;"

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5 Page 1, following line 3:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 **** Section 1.** AS 15.80.008 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (f) A political group or political party may change its name and retain its
9 membership, and, for a political party, its recognized status under this title, if the
10 political group or political party submits evidence satisfactory to the director that the
11 name change was approved at a state convention of the political group or political
12 party or by another means authorized by the rules or bylaws of the political group or
13 political party. If, before the filing deadline for office, a political group or political
14 party submits evidence satisfactory to the director of a name change under this
15 subsection,

16 (1) and a candidate affiliated with that political party or political group
17 requests that the candidate's affiliation be designated after the name of the candidate
18 on the ballot under AS 15.15.030(a)(5), the director shall use the new name of the
19 political party or political group; and

20 (2) a candidate registered as affiliated with the political group or
21 political party shall state the new name in the candidate's listed affiliation or party
22 designation in a declaration of candidacy under AS 15.25.030(a)(5)."
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- 1 Page 1, line 4:
 - 2 Delete "Section 1"
 - 3 Insert "Sec. 2"
 - 4
 - 5 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.
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