

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 161(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/25/22

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI

**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 **has at**  
6 **least 5,000 registered voters in the state; beginning with the results of the 2030**  
7 **decennial federal census, following each decennial federal census, the division**  
8 **shall by regulation adjust this number by the percentage of the change to the**  
9 **population of the state since the 2020 decennial federal census, rounded to the**  
10 **nearest 500** [REPRESENTS A POLITICAL PROGRAM AND

11 (A) THAT HAS REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE  
12 EQUAL IN NUMBER TO AT LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL  
13 VOTES CAST FOR GOVERNOR AT THE PRECEDING GENERAL  
14 ELECTION;

1 (B) IF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR WAS NOT ON THE  
2 BALLOT AT THE PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION BUT THE OFFICE  
3 OF UNITED STATES SENATOR WAS ON THAT BALLOT, THAT HAS  
4 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE EQUAL IN NUMBER TO AT  
5 LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR UNITED  
6 STATES SENATOR AT THAT GENERAL ELECTION; OR

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

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