

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 161(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/18/22

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

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.