

AMENDMENT

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TO: CSHB 66(STA), Draft Version "N"

Page 10, following line 2:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* Sec. 20. AS 15.15.250 is amended to read:

Sec. 15.15.250. Disposition of spoiled ballot. If a voter improperly marks, damages, or otherwise spoils a ballot, the voter may request and the election board shall provide another ballot, with a maximum of three. The board shall record on the precinct register that there was a spoiled ballot. **The board shall preserve spoiled ballots as prescribed in AS 15.15.470** [AND DESTROY THE SPOILED BALLOT IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT EXAMINING IT].

*** Sec. 21.** AS 15.15.350(a) is amended to read:

(a) The director may adopt regulations prescribing the manner in which the precinct ballot count is accomplished so as to ensure accuracy in the count and to expedite the process. **An official ballot may not be destroyed at a precinct.** The election board shall account for all ballots by completing a ballot statement containing (1) the number of official ballots received; (2) the number of official ballots voted; (3) the number of official ballots spoiled; (4) the number of **unused** official ballots. **The board shall report all unused ballots by number and transfer the unused ballots to a counting center. Before an election is certified, a candidate who ran for an office that appears on an unused ballot may review the unused ballot under an election official's supervision** [UNUSED AND EITHER DESTROYED OR RETURNED FOR DESTRUCTION TO THE ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR OR THE ELECTION SUPERVISOR'S DESIGNEE]. The board shall count the number of questioned ballots and compare that number to the number of questioned voters in the

1 register. Discrepancies shall be noted and the numbers included in the certificate
2 prescribed by AS 15.15.370. The election board, in hand-count precincts, shall count
3 the ballots in a manner that allows watchers to see the ballots when opened and read.
4 A person handling the ballot after it has been taken from the ballot box and before it is
5 placed in the envelope for mailing may not have a marking device in hand or remove a
6 ballot from the immediate vicinity of the polls."

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8 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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10 Page 26, line 22:

11 Delete "sec. 45"

12 Insert "sec. 47"

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14 Page 26, line 23:

15 Delete "sec. 46"

16 Insert "sec. 48"

17 Delete "sec. 48"

18 Insert "sec. 50"

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20 Page 26, line 24:

21 Delete "sec. 49"

22 Insert "sec. 51"

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24 Page 26, line 25:

25 Delete "sec. 50"

26 Insert "sec. 52"

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28 Page 26, lines 25 - 26:

29 Delete "secs. 45, 46, and 48 - 50"

30 Insert "secs. 47, 48, and 50 - 52"

1 Page 27, line 2:

2 Delete "Sections 43 and 44"

3 Insert "Sections 45 and 46"

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5 Page 27, line 3:

6 Delete "Section 58"

7 Insert "Section 60"

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9 Page 27, line 4:

10 Delete "secs. 59 and 60"

11 Insert "secs. 61 and 62"