



## Sectional Analysis

### HB 4 ELECTIONS; REPEAL RANK CHOICE/OPEN PRIMARY

*“An act relating to elections.”*

**Section 1:** Deletes language related to rank choice voting and amends the language relating to the appointment of election supervisors. Under amended language a supervisor will be appointed based on the top to votes statewide in the most recent gubernatorial election, or they may be appointed by the election supervisor if a member of either party is not available.

**Section 2:** Amends language relating to the appointment of election watchers. Clarifying the process for precinct party committees when appointing watchers.

**Section 3:** Modifies the appointment of members of the Alaska Public Offices Commission, to be from the top two vote gaining parties from the most recent gubernatorial election. Deleting reference to political groups.

**Section 4:** Deletes reference to “political groups” as it relates to the APOC.

**Section 5:** Amends this section by deleting references to rank choice voting elections.

**Section 6:** Amends language relating to the filing of campaign reports, adding a new section to include individuals who filed a nominating petition to become a candidate. Renumbers the following sections.

**Section 7:** Amends the statute reference to re-elect changes made in bill.

**Section 8:** Modifies the definition of “contributions” to not include mailings describing the political party’s slate of candidates.

**Section 9:** Deletes language relating to rank choice voting and amends the section requiring ballots to include the political party of candidates.

**Section 10:** Deletes language relating to rank choice voting. Adds a new section relating to the counting of votes and renumbers the following sections.

**Section 11:** Deletes reference to rank choice voting in the certification of ballot counts.

**Section 12:** Amends language to reflect context of bill.



**Section 13:** Amends language for absentee voting. Clarifying that only the voter of the voter’s designee may mark the absentee ballot application.

**Section 14:** Amends language to include special runoff elections.

**Section 15:** Deletes language related to rank choice voting and amends the language relating to the appointment of the District Counting Board. Under amended language a board member will be appointed based on the top to votes statewide in the most recent gubernatorial election.

**Sections 16 – 21:** Amends language to include special runoff elections.

**Section 22:** Amends language to include the traditional primary election and deletes references to “rank choice voting.”

**Section 23:** Inserts a new section relating to the participation in primary election selection of a political party’s candidates.

**Section 24:** Deletes reference to rank choice voting and requires the inclusion of the name of the political party affiliation of each candidate.

**Section 25:** Adds a new section addressing how a party may nominate a new candidate should an incumbent become disqualified, incapacitated, or dies.

**Section 26:** This section is repealed and reenacted to establish the preparation and distribution of ballots minus language for rank choice voting.

**Section 27:** This section is repealed and reenacted to establish how nominees are placed on the general election ballot.

**Section 28:** Amends the section requiring the director of elections to include the full name and political party of a candidate on the general election ballot.

**Section 29:** Amended to require that both a write-in candidate for Governor and Lt. Governor to be of the same political party or group.

**Section 30:** Adds new sections establishing the process for filling vacancies by party petition if a candidate dies, withdraws, resigns, or becomes disqualified from holding office.

**Section 31:** Adds new sections to Article 2, establishing the process for nominating no-party candidates for political office. Including the requirements for filing petitions, form



of the petition, and the required number of signatures for both statewide and district-wide offices.

**Section 32:** Deletes reference to rank choice voting from the sections.

**Section 33:** Deletes language relating to rank choice voting and makes conforming amendments to the bill.

**Section 34:** Adds a new section establishing the procedures for calling a special election or a special runoff election.

**Section 35:** Adds a new section establishing the procedures for calling a special with primary.

**Section 36:** Amends the requirements for the governor issuing a proclamation for a special runoff election.

**Section 37 and 38:** Makes conforming changes to allow for special runoff elections for U.S. Senator the U.S. Representative.

**Section 39:** Amends the section by adding the required percentage of qualified voters for a no party candidates to appear on general election ballot.

**Section 40:** Adds new sections establishing requirements for party petition and selections of party nominees.

**Section 41:** Makes conforming amendments to the provisions for conduction of special elections and special runoff elections.

**Section 42:** Makes conforming amendments to the conditions and time of callings special elections and special runoff elections.

**Section 43:** Makes conforming amendments to the conditions for holding special elections and special runoff elections.

**Section 44:** Makes conforming amendments to the proclamation of a special elections by the governor.

**Section 45:** Makes conforming amendments to the petition requirements of a no-party candidate for a special election.

**Section 46:** Adds a new section establishing the requirements of party petition and selections of party nominations for a special election.



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**Section 47:** Makes conforming amendments to the general provisions for conducting special elections.

**Section 48:** Makes conforming amendments to the qualifications and confirmations of an appointee to the state legislature following an appointment to office.

**Section 49:** Deletes language relating to rank choice voting as it relates to filling a vacancy or a part-term senate appointee or special election.

**Section 50 and 51:** Makes conforming amendments relating to the date and proclamation of special elections to fill a vacant state senate seat.

**Section 52:** Makes conforming amendments to the petition requirements of a no-party candidate for a special election to fill a vacant state senate seat.

**Section 53:** Adds a new section establishing the requirements of party petition and selections of party nominations for a special election to fill a vacant state senate seat.

**Section 54:** Makes conforming amendments to the general provisions for conducting special elections to fill a vacant state senate seat.

**Sections 55 and 56:** Make conforming amendments to sections relating to placing propositions on the ballot.

**Sections 57, 58 and 59:** Make conforming amendments to sections relating to the publication of official election pamphlets.

**Section 60:** Makes conforming amendments to the definition of a federal election and deletes language relating to rank choice voting.

**Section 61:** Makes conforming amendment to the public office financial disclosure report.

**Section 62:** Repeals statutes relating to rank choice voting.