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AN ACT

Amending the Alaska Election Code to provide for the rejection or retention of district judges; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 15.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 15.35.100. APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF DISTRICT JUDGE. (a) Each district judge shall be subject to approval or rejection at the first general election held more than one year after his appointment. If approved, he shall thereafter be subject to approval or rejection in a like manner every fourth year.

(b) The district judge shall seek approval in the judicial district in which he was originally appointed, or in the district where he has served the major portion of his term. The district judge shall designate on his declaration of candidacy the judicial district in which he was appointed, or the district where he has served the major portion of his term.

Sec. 15.35.110. FILING DECLARATION BY DISTRICT BY

DISTRICT JUDGE. Each district judge seeking to succeed himself to office shall file with the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy not less than 90 days before the date fixed for the general election at which approval or rejection is requisite.

Sec. 15.35.120. REQUIREMENT OF FILING FEE FOR DISTRICT COURT CANDIDATE. At the time the declaration is filed, each candidate for the district court shall pay a filing fee of \$30 to the secretary of state.

Sec. 15.35.130. PLACING NAME OF DISTRICT JUDGE ON BALLOT. The secretary of state shall place the name of the district judge who has properly filed a declaration of candidacy on a separate nonpartisan judicial districtwide ballot for the general election at which approval is sought.

* Sec. 2. AS 22.15.170 is amended to read:

Sec. 22.15.170. SELECTION OF DISTRICT JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES. The presiding judge of the superior court in each judicial district shall appoint the district judges and magistrates for the district court for his judicial district. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as appointments.

* Sec. 3. Beginning September 1, 1967, the presiding judge of the superior court in each judicial district shall accept applications for all positions as district judge in his judicial district with all appointments to be made before January 1, 1968. All interested persons including district judges sitting on September 1, 1967 may apply. The term of a district judge sitting on September 1, 1967 expires when an appointment to his position is made under this section.

* Sec. 4. Secs. 1 and 2 of this Act take effect January 1, 1968.

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Approved by Governor: May 9, 1966
Actual effective date of Secs . 1 and 2: January 1, 1968
Actual effective date of Sec. 3: August 7, 1966