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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to voter registration and to state election administration."

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 15.07.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (h) The director shall design the form of the voter's certificate appearing on
5 the back of the large envelope that is used for voting a questioned ballot so that all
6 information required for registration by AS 15.07.060(a) may be obtained from a voter
7 who votes a questioned ballot. If the voter voting a questioned ballot has completed
8 all information on the voter registration portion of the questioned ballot voter's
9 certificate, the director shall place the name of the voter on the official registration list.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.125 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 15.07.125. OFFICIAL REGISTRATION LIST. The director shall prepare
12 an official registration list for each election. **The official registration list consists**
13 **[CONSISTING] of the names of (1) all voters whose registrations appear on the**
14 **master register 30 days before the election, (2) all voters whose registrations have**
15 **been inactivated under AS 15.07.130(b), [ARE NOT INACTIVE;] and (3) [(2)] all**

1 voters whose names are required to be placed on the list by AS 15.07.070(c) or (d).
2 **The director may prepare the official registration list in sections that distinguish**
3 **among the three classes of registered voters set out in this section.** A list of
4 persons eligible to vote in each precinct at that election shall be prepared from the
5 official registration list.

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 Sec. 15.07.127. PREPARATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS. The
8 director shall prepare both a statewide list and a list by precinct of the names and
9 addresses of all persons whose names appear on the official registration list maintained
10 under AS 15.07.125 and who are registered to vote and their political party affiliation.
11 Any person may obtain a copy of the list, or a part of the list, or a computer tape
12 containing both residence and mailing addresses of voters, by applying to the director
13 and paying to the state treasury a fee as determined by the director.

14 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.130(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) The director shall obtain from the bureau of vital statistics a certified list
16 of all residents over 18 years of age who have died or who have been presumptively
17 declared dead. **Promptly after receipt of each list, but, in any event, at least once**
18 **each month, the** [THE] director shall cancel the registration of all deceased voters.

19 * **Sec. 5.** AS 15.07.135 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 15.07.135. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION OF CONVICTED
21 PERSONS. (a) The director shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the names of
22 persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude. **Promptly after receipt of**
23 **evidence satisfactory to the director that a person has been convicted of a felony**
24 **involving moral turpitude, the** [THE] director shall cancel the registration of **the** [A]
25 person [CONVICTED OF A FELONY INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE].

26 (b) Upon presenting proof that **a** [THE] person **whose registration was**
27 **cancelled under (a) of this section has been** [IS] unconditionally discharged from
28 custody, the person may register. The director shall make reasonable efforts to verify
29 the unconditional discharge of persons applying for registration under this **subsection**
30 [SECTION].

31 * **Sec. 6.** AS 15.20.203(d) is amended to read:

1 (d) [IF AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IS REJECTED, THE ELECTION
2 SUPERVISOR SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF THE
3 CHALLENGE TO THE ABSENTEE VOTER.] The election supervisor shall place
4 all rejected absentee ballots in a separate envelope with the statements of challenge.
5 The envelope shall be labeled "rejected absentee ballots" and shall be forwarded to the
6 director with the election certificates and other returns.

7 * **Sec. 7.** AS 15.20.203 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (h) Not later than 60 days after the certification of the results of an election,
9 the director shall prepare and mail to each absentee voter whose absentee ballot was
10 rejected under this section

11 (1) a copy of the statement of the challenge to the absentee ballot; and

12 (2) a summary of the reason that the challenge to the absentee ballot
13 was upheld and the absentee ballot was rejected.

14 * **Sec. 8.** AS 15.20.207(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) [IF A QUESTIONED BALLOT IS REJECTED, THE ELECTION
16 SUPERVISOR SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF THE
17 CHALLENGE TO THE QUESTIONED VOTER.] The election supervisor shall place
18 all rejected questioned ballots in a separate envelope with statements of challenge.
19 The envelope shall be labeled "rejected questioned ballots" and shall be forwarded to
20 the director with the election certificates and other returns.

21 * **Sec. 9.** AS 15.20.207 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

22 (h) The director shall prepare and mail to each questioned voter whose
23 questioned ballot was rejected under this section

24 (1) a copy of the statement of the challenge to the questioned ballot;
25 and

26 (2) a summary of the reason that the challenge to the questioned ballot
27 was upheld and the questioned ballot was rejected.

28 (i) The director shall mail the materials described in (h) of this section to the
29 voter not later than

30 (1) 10 days after the deadline set by AS 15.20.220(b) for completion
31 of the review of ballots by the state review board for a primary election;

1 (2) 60 days after certification of the results of a general or special
2 election.

3 (j) In addition to mailing the materials under (i)(1) of this section, for a
4 questioned voter whose questioned primary election ballot was rejected, not later than
5 the deadline set out in (i)(1) of this section, the director shall

6 (1) determine whether, from the information obtained under
7 AS 15.07.070(h), the voter's name may be entered on the voter registration list;

8 (2) if the voter is eligible, register the voter in accordance with the
9 information submitted by the voter under AS 15.07.070(h); and

10 (3) confirm or deny the registration by written notice mailed to the
11 voter.

12 * **Sec. 10.** AS 15.20.211 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

13 (c) The director shall prepare and mail to each voter whose ballot was subject
14 to partial counting under this section

15 (1) a copy of the statement of the challenge to the ballot; and

16 (2) a summary of the reason that the challenge to the ballot was upheld
17 and the ballot was subject to only a partial counting.

18 (d) The director shall mail the materials described in (c) of this section to the
19 voter not later than

20 (1) 10 days after the deadline set by AS 15.20.220(b) for completion
21 of the review of ballots by the state review board for a primary election;

22 (2) 60 days after certification of the results of a general or special
23 election.

24 (e) In addition to mailing the materials under (d)(1) of this section, for a
25 questioned voter whose questioned primary election ballot was partially counted, not
26 later than the deadline set out in (d)(1) of this section, the director shall

27 (1) determine whether, from the information obtained under
28 AS 15.07.070(h), the voter's name may be entered on the voter registration list;

29 (2) if the voter is eligible, register the voter in accordance with the
30 information submitted by the voter under AS 15.07.070(h); and

31 (3) confirm or deny the registration by written notice mailed to the

1 voter.

2 * **Sec. 11.** AS 15.20.590(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) For every area of the state designated by the director for punch-card voting,
4 the director shall appoint a data processing review board **that** [WHICH] is responsible
5 to the director for the evaluation of all computer phases of the election. The board
6 shall consist of at least three members. **A state employee may not serve as a**
7 **member of the board.** At least one member shall be a member of the political party
8 whose candidate for governor received the largest number of statewide votes at the
9 preceding general election, one shall be a member of the party whose candidate
10 received the second largest number of votes, and one shall be registered to vote either
11 as an "independent" or "nonpartisan" or shall have declined to state a party affiliation
12 when registering to vote. At least one of the members must be familiar with the
13 election process, and at least two must have some expertise in computer programming
14 and processing. The election supervisor shall name one of the members who has
15 sufficient familiarity with computer programming and operations as presiding officer
16 of the board.