

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 211(FIN)

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NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE

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 15.07.125 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 15.07.125. OFFICIAL REGISTRATION LIST. The director shall prepare
5 an official registration list for each election. **The official registration list consists**
6 **[CONSISTING]** of the names of (1) all voters whose registrations **appear on the**
7 **master register 30 days before the election, (2) all voters whose registrations have**
8 **been inactivated under AS 15.07.130(b), [ARE NOT INACTIVE;]** and **(3) [(2)]** all
9 voters whose names are required to be placed on the list by AS 15.07.070(c) or (d).
10 **The director may prepare the official registration list in sections that distinguish**
11 **among the three classes of registered voters set out in this section.** A list of
12 persons eligible to vote in each precinct at that election shall be prepared from the
13 official registration list.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 15.07.127. PREPARATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS. The

1 director shall prepare both a statewide list and a list by precinct of the names and
2 addresses of all persons whose names appear on the official registration list maintained
3 under AS 15.07.125 and who are registered to vote and their political party affiliation.
4 Any person may obtain a copy of the list, or a part of the list, or an electronic format
5 containing both residence and mailing addresses of voters, by applying to the director
6 and paying to the state treasury a fee as determined by the director.

7 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.130(c) is amended to read:

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

12 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.135 is amended to read:

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

19 (b) Upon presenting proof that **a** [THE] person **whose registration was**
20 **canceled under (a) of this section has been** [IS] unconditionally discharged from
21 custody, the person may register. The director shall make reasonable efforts to verify
22 the unconditional discharge of persons applying for registration under this **subsection**
23 [SECTION].

24 * **Sec. 5.** AS 15.20.203(d) is amended to read:

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

31 * **Sec. 6.** AS 15.20.203 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (h) Not later than 60 days after the certification of the results of an election,
2 the director shall prepare and mail to each absentee voter whose absentee ballot was
3 rejected under this section a summary of the reason that the challenge to the absentee
4 ballot was upheld and the absentee ballot was rejected.

5 * **Sec. 7.** AS 15.20.207(d) is amended to read:

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

12 * **Sec. 8.** AS 15.20.207 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

13 (h) The director shall prepare and mail to each questioned voter whose
14 questioned ballot was rejected under this section a summary of the reason that the
15 challenge to the questioned ballot was upheld and the questioned ballot was rejected.

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

18 (1) 10 days after completion of the review of ballots by the state review
19 board for a primary election;

20 (2) 60 days after certification of the results of a general or special
21 election.

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

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

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

29 (3) confirm or deny the registration by written notice mailed to the
30 voter.

31 * **Sec. 9.** AS 15.20.211 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

1 (c) The director shall prepare and mail to each voter whose ballot was subject
2 to partial counting under this section a summary of the reason that the challenge to the
3 ballot was upheld and the ballot was subject to only a partial counting.

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

6 (1) 10 days after completion of the review of ballots by the state review
7 board for a primary election;

8 (2) 60 days after certification of the results of a general or special
9 election.

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

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

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

17 (3) confirm or deny the registration by written notice mailed to the
18 voter.

19 * **Sec. 10.** AS 15.20.590(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) For every area of the state designated by the director for punch-card voting,
21 the director shall appoint a data processing review board **that** [WHICH] is responsible
22 to the director for the evaluation of all computer phases of the election. The board
23 shall consist of at least three members. **A state employee may not serve as a**
24 **member of the board.** At least one member shall be a member of the political party
25 whose candidate for governor received the largest number of statewide votes at the
26 preceding general election, one shall be a member of the party whose candidate
27 received the second largest number of votes, and one shall be registered to vote either
28 as an "independent" or "nonpartisan" or shall have declined to state a party affiliation
29 when registering to vote. At least one of the members must be familiar with the
30 election process, and at least two must have some expertise in computer programming
31 and processing. The election supervisor shall name one of the members who has

- 1 sufficient familiarity with computer programming and operations as presiding officer
- 2 of the board.