

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 5(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/16/95
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS KELLY, Salo

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act prescribing the use and characteristics of voting booths employed in
2 elections and the color of ballots used in state primary elections."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 15.15.060(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Immediately following the appointment of the election board, the election
6 supervisor in conjunction with the election board **chair** [CHAIRMAN] shall secure
7 polling places for holding the election, suitable ballot boxes **that** [WHICH] will assure
8 security, and an adequate number of voting booths or screens, national flags, pens, and
9 pencils. **At every polling place, at least one voting booth shall be furnished and**
10 **not** [NOT] less than one voting booth or screen shall be furnished for each 100 votes
11 or fractional part of 100 votes cast in the previous election. **At every polling place,**
12 **at least one-half of the voting booths used shall be not less than six feet in height,**
13 **enclosed on three sides, and provided with a curtain extending from the top of the**
14 **voting booth to within approximately 30 inches of the floor. The curtain of the**

1 voting booth must conceal the voter while voting. The election supervisor and the
2 election board chair [CHAIRMAN] may, in an emergency, secure an alternate location
3 for a polling place.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.15.060(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) To assure administrative economy and to protect the secrecy of the
6 ballot, the [THE] director may adopt regulations prescribing

7 (1) the type of polling place for holding the election;

8 (2) [AND] the requirements regarding ballot boxes, voting [BOOTHs,]
9 screens, national flags, and other supplies; and

10 (3) subject to the specifications of (a) of this section, the
11 requirements regarding voting booths [TO ASSURE ADMINISTRATIVE
12 ECONOMY AND TO PROTECT THE SECRECY OF THE BALLOT].

13 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.25.060 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 15.25.060. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS.

15 The primary election ballot shall be prepared and distributed by the director in the
16 manner prescribed for general election ballots except as specifically provided otherwise
17 for the primary election. The director shall print the ballot on white paper and
18 place the names of all candidates who have properly filed in groups according to
19 offices filed for, without regard to party affiliation. The names for each office shall
20 be rotated as provided for the general election ballot. Blank [NO BLANK] spaces
21 may not [SHALL] be provided on the ballot for the writing or pasting in of names.