

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(STA)**

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BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to elections, to the division of elections, and to voter  
2 registration procedures; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.07.050 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 15.07.050. MANNER OF REGISTRATION [IN PERSON OR BY  
6 MAIL]. Registration may be made

7 (1) in person before a registration official or through a voter registration  
8 agency;

9 (2) [, OR MAY BE MADE] by mail; **or**

10 (3) by facsimile transmission or another method of electronic  
11 transmission that the director approves.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.060(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) Each applicant who requests registration or reregistration shall supply the  
14 following information [UNDER OATH]:

- 1 (1) name and sex;
- 2 (2) address and other necessary information establishing residence,  
3 including the term of residence in the state and in the district, if requested;
- 4 (3) whether the applicant has previously been registered to vote in  
5 another jurisdiction, and, if so, the jurisdiction and the address of the previous  
6 registration;
- 7 (4) a declaration that the registrant will be 18 years of age or older  
8 within 90 days of the date of registration;
- 9 (5) a declaration that the registrant is a citizen of the United States;
- 10 (6) date of application;
- 11 (7) signature or mark;
- 12 **(8) any former name under which the applicant was registered to**  
13 **vote in the state;**
- 14 **(9) an attestation that the information provided by the applicant**  
15 **in (1) - (8) of this subsection is true; and**
- 16 **(10) a certification that the applicant understands that a false**  
17 **statement on the application may make the applicant subject to prosecution for**  
18 **a misdemeanor under this title or AS 11.**

19 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.07.070(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) To register by mail **or by facsimile or other electronic transmission**  
21 **approved by the director under AS 15.07.050**, the director, the area election  
22 supervisor, or a voter registration agency shall furnish, at no cost to the voter, forms  
23 prepared by the director on which the registration information required under  
24 AS 15.07.060 shall be inserted by the voter, or by a person on behalf of the voter if  
25 the voter is physically incapacitated. The director may require proof of identification  
26 of the applicant as required by regulations adopted by the director under **AS 44.62 (**  
27 **[THE] Administrative Procedure Act) [(AS 44.62)]**. Upon receipt and approval of the  
28 completed registration forms the director or the election supervisor shall forward to the  
29 voter an acknowledgment in the form of a registration card, and the voter's name shall  
30 immediately be placed on the master register located in the office of the director and  
31 on the district register located in the office of the election supervisor. If the

1 registration is denied, the voter shall immediately be informed in writing that  
2 registration was denied and the reason for denial.

3 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.070(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) The names of persons submitting completed registration forms by mail that  
5 are postmarked at least 30 days before the next election, **or submitting completed**  
6 **registration forms by facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the**  
7 **director under AS 15.07.050 that are received at least 30 days before the next**  
8 **election**, shall be placed on the official registration list for that election. If a  
9 registration form received by mail less than 30 days before an election does not have  
10 a legible and dated postmark, the name of the person submitting the form shall be  
11 placed on the official registration list for that election if the form was signed and dated  
12 by the person at least 30 days before the election and if the form is received by the  
13 director or election supervisor at least 25 days before the election. The name of a  
14 person submitting a completed registration form by mail **or by facsimile or other**  
15 **electronic transmission** that does not meet the applicable requirements of this  
16 subsection may not be placed on the official registration list for that election but shall  
17 be placed on the master register after that election.

18 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 15.07.070(f) is amended to read:

19 (f) Incomplete or inaccurate registration forms may not be accepted. A person  
20 who submitted an incomplete or inaccurate registration form may register by  
21 reexecuting and resubmitting a registration form in person, [OR] by mail, **or by**  
22 **facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director under**  
23 **AS 15.07.050**. The requirements of (c) or (d) of this section apply to a registration  
24 form resubmitted under this subsection.

25 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 15.07.070(h) is amended to read:

26 (h) The director shall design the form of the voter's certificate appearing on  
27 the [LARGE] envelope that is used for voting a questioned ballot so that all  
28 information required for registration by AS 15.07.060(a) may be obtained from a voter  
29 who votes a questioned ballot. If the voter voting a questioned ballot has completed  
30 all information on the voter registration portion of the questioned ballot voter's  
31 certificate, the director shall place the name of the voter on the official registration list.

1 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 15.07.130(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) When a registered voter has not indicated in writing a desire to remain  
3 registered within the preceding **four** [TWO] calendar years and has **neither** [NOT]  
4 voted **nor appeared to vote** in **the last two general elections** [A LOCAL,  
5 REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD, PRIMARY, SPECIAL, OR GENERAL ELECTION  
6 AT LEAST ONCE IN TWO CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR YEARS], the voter shall  
7 be advised by a notice sent by forwardable mail to the voter's last known address that  
8 registration will be inactivated unless the voter responds to the notice at least 30 days  
9 before the date of the next primary election on a form furnished by the director. The  
10 director shall maintain on the master register the name of a voter whose registration  
11 is inactivated. The director shall cancel a voter's inactive registration after the second  
12 general election that occurs after the registration becomes inactive if the voter does not  
13 vote **or appear to vote** [EITHER A QUESTIONED BALLOT OR AN ABSENTEE  
14 BALLOT THAT IS COUNTED UNDER AS 15.15.198(b) AT OR BEFORE THAT  
15 ELECTION].

16 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 15.07.130(d) is amended to read:

17 (d) The notice described in (b) of this section must include a postage prepaid  
18 and pre-addressed return card on which the voter may state the voter's current address.  
19 The notice must indicate

20 (1) that the voter should return the card not later than 30 days before  
21 the next primary election if the voter did not change residence;

22 (2) that the voter may vote only a questioned or absentee ballot if the  
23 voter does not return the card at least 30 days before the next primary election;

24 (3) that the voter's registration will be cancelled if the voter does not  
25 vote **or appear to vote** in an election held during the period beginning on the date of  
26 the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second general election that  
27 occurs after the date of notice; and

28 (4) how the voter can continue to be eligible to vote if the voter has  
29 changed residence.

30 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 15.07.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 (e) For purposes of (b) and (d) of this section, a voter "appears to vote" if

1 (1) the voter is present at a polling place or at an absentee voting  
2 station at a time when the polling place or absentee voting station is operating, for the  
3 purpose of casting a vote;

4 (2) the voter applies to the division to obtain an absentee ballot; or

5 (3) in an election conducted by mail under AS 15.20.800, a voter who  
6 has not received a ballot by mail makes a timely request to the division for a ballot.

7 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 15.07.190 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 15.07.190. VIOLATIONS. A person who violates **AS 15.07.180**  
9 [AS 15.07.170 OR 15.07.180] is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is  
10 punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than  
11 \$1,000, or by both.

12 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 15.10.110 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 15.10.110. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS. The  
14 director shall appoint election supervisors, including one in each of the municipalities  
15 of Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Nome, to assist in the administration of elections  
16 in the election districts designated by the director. The director may appoint as an  
17 election supervisor a person who is a qualified voter in the area over which the person  
18 has jurisdiction and who **meets the applicable requirements of AS 15.10.105(b)**  
19 [DOES NOT HOLD AN OFFICE IN A POLITICAL PARTY]. An election supervisor  
20 is entitled to receive compensation in an amount that is comparable to that received  
21 for similar state employment as determined by the director.

22 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 15.15.030(5) is amended to read:

23 (5) The state general election ballot shall be printed on white paper  
24 with the names of the candidates and their party designations placed in separate  
25 sections under the office designation to which they were nominated. The party  
26 affiliation, if any, shall be designated after the name of the candidate. The lieutenant  
27 governor and the governor shall be included under the same section. Provision shall  
28 be made for voting for write-in and no-party candidates within each section. [THE  
29 SQUARES APPEARING ON THE BALLOTS SHALL MEASURE 1/4 INCH ON  
30 EACH SIDE.]

31 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 15.15.140(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) If the election board receives an insufficient number of official [PAPER  
2 BALLOTS, OFFICIAL PUNCH-CARD] ballots [,] or official election materials, it  
3 shall provide and the voters may use unmarked substitute ballots or other election  
4 materials to indicate the intent of the voter.

5 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 15.15.198(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) A person whose registration is inactive under AS 15.07.130(b) and who  
7 votes a questioned or absentee ballot shall have the ballot counted if

8 (1) the person was registered to vote for either of the two most recent  
9 general elections;

10 (2) the person signs [UNDER OATH] a statement to that effect; and

11 (3) the earlier registration is verified by the director.

12 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 15.15.210 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 15.15.210. QUESTIONING OF VOTERS OF SUSPECT  
14 QUALIFICATION. Every election judge and election clerk shall question, and every  
15 watcher and any other person qualified to vote in the precinct may question a person  
16 attempting to vote if the questioner has good reason to suspect that the questioned  
17 person is not qualified to vote. All questions regarding a person's qualifications to  
18 vote shall be made in writing setting out the reason the person has been questioned.  
19 A questioned person before voting shall subscribe to **a declaration** [AN OATH OR  
20 AFFIRMATION] in a form provided by the director attesting to the fact that in each  
21 particular the person meets all the qualifications of a voter, is not disqualified, and has  
22 not voted at the same election, **and certifying that the person understands that a**  
23 **false statement on the declaration may subject the person to prosecution for a**  
24 **misdemeanor under this title or AS 11.** The questioned person shall also state the  
25 place from which that person came immediately before living in the precinct where  
26 offering to vote and the length of time of residence in the former place. After the  
27 questioned person has executed the **declaration** [OATH OR AFFIRMATION], the  
28 person may vote. If the questioned person refuses to execute the **declaration** [OATH  
29 OR AFFIRMATION], the person may not vote.

30 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 15.15.215(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) A voter who casts a questioned ballot shall vote the ballot in the same

1 manner as prescribed for other voters. The [AFTER THE ELECTION JUDGE  
2 REMOVES THE NUMBERED STUB FROM THE BALLOT, THE] voter shall insert  
3 the ballot into a secrecy sleeve, the election judge shall remove the numbered stub  
4 from the ballot, and the voter shall [SMALL ENVELOPE AND] put the secrecy  
5 sleeve [SMALL ENVELOPE] into an [A LARGER] envelope on which the statement  
6 the voter previously signed is located. The envelope [THESE LARGER  
7 ENVELOPES] shall be sealed and deposited in the ballot box. When the ballot box  
8 is opened, the [THESE] envelopes shall be segregated, counted, compared to the  
9 voting list, and delivered to the official or body supervising the election. The merits  
10 of the question shall be determined by this official or body in accordance with the  
11 procedure prescribed for questioned votes in AS 15.20.207.

12 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 15.15.440 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 15.15.440. DATES FOR OPENING AND CLOSING STATE BALLOT  
14 COUNTING REVIEW. The state ballot counting review shall begin no earlier  
15 [LATER] than 11 days after an [THE] election and no later than 16 days after an  
16 election, and shall be continued [DAILY] until completed. The director may designate  
17 the hours each day during which the state ballot counting review board is to conduct  
18 its ballot counting review. The director shall close the review when the director is  
19 satisfied that no missing precinct certificate of election would, if received, change the  
20 result of the election. If no election certificate has been received from a precinct, the  
21 director may secure from the election supervisors and may count a certified copy of  
22 the duplicate election certificate of the precinct. If no election materials have been  
23 received, but election results have been received by telephone, telegram or radio, the  
24 director shall count the election results so received. If the director has reason to  
25 believe that a missing precinct certificate, if received, would affect the result of the  
26 election, the director shall await the receipt of the certificate until the close of business  
27 on the 15th day after the date of election. A certificate not actually delivered to the  
28 director by the close of business on the 15th day after the election may not be counted  
29 at the state ballot counting review.

30 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 15.20.010 is repealed and reenacted to read:

31 Sec. 15.20.010. PERSONS WHO MAY VOTE ABSENTEE. At any election

1 a qualified voter may vote an absentee ballot for any reason.

2 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 15.20.030 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 15.20.030. PREPARATION OF BALLOTS, ENVELOPES, AND OTHER  
4 MATERIAL. The director shall provide ballots for use as absentee ballots in all  
5 districts. The director shall provide a secrecy sleeve [SMALL ENVELOPE] in which  
6 the voter shall initially place the marked ballot, and shall provide an [A LARGER]  
7 envelope [,] with the prescribed voter’s certificate on it [THE BACK], in which the  
8 secrecy sleeve [SMALL ENVELOPE] with ballot enclosed shall be placed. The  
9 director shall prescribe the form of and prepare the voter’s certificate, envelopes, and  
10 other material used in absentee voting. The voter’s certificate shall include an oath,  
11 for use when required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all respects, a blank for the  
12 voter’s signature, a certification that the affiant properly executed the marking of the  
13 ballot and gave the voter’s identity, blanks for the attesting official or witnesses, and  
14 a place for recording the date the envelope was sealed and witnessed.

15 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 15.20.061(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) On receipt of an absentee ballot in person, the voter shall proceed to mark  
17 the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve [SMALL ENVELOPE],  
18 to place the secrecy sleeve [SMALL ENVELOPE] in the [LARGER] envelope  
19 provided, and to sign the voter’s certificate on the [BACK OF THE LARGER]  
20 envelope in the presence of the election official who shall sign as attesting official and  
21 date that signature. The election official shall then accept the ballot.

22 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 15.20.071 is repealed and reenacted to read:

23 Sec. 15.20.071. ABSENTEE VOTING BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

24 (a) A qualified voter with a disability who, because of that disability, is unable to go  
25 to a polling place to vote may vote an absentee ballot through a personal  
26 representative.

27 (b) A personal representative may apply in writing to the following election  
28 officials, at the times specified, for an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter who is  
29 eligible under (a) of this section:

30 (1) to an absentee voting official on or after the 15th day before an  
31 election up to and including the day of the election;

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(2) to an election supervisor

(A) after a date announced by the director under AS 15.20.048(b); and

(B) on or after the 15th day before an election up to and including the day of the election;

(3) to an absentee voting official at an absentee voting station designated under AS 15.20.045(b) at a time when the absentee voting station is in operation;

(4) to a member of a precinct election board on election day.

(c) The application by the personal representative shall be signed by the personal representative and must include the following:

(1) the full name and full residence address of the personal representative;

(2) the full name and full residence address of the voter on whose behalf the personal representative is applying for an absentee ballot;

(3) a form of identification for the personal representative that meets the requirements for identification established by the director under AS 15.20.081(f) for absentee voting by mail; and

(4) a statement signed by the personal representative that the voter for whom the personal representative is applying for an absentee ballot will be unable to go to the polling place because of a disability.

(d) Upon receipt of a written application from a personal representative that meets the requirements of (c) of this section, the election official shall issue the absentee ballot and other absentee voting material to the personal representative.

(e) The personal representative shall deliver the absentee ballot and other absentee voting materials to the voter as soon as practicable. The voter shall proceed to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve, and to place the secrecy sleeve in the envelope provided. On the voter's certificate portion of the envelope, the voter shall state the name of the personal representative who applied for the absentee ballot, shall state that because of a disability the voter is unable to go to a polling place to vote, and shall sign the voter's certificate in the presence of the

1 personal representative and provide a form of identification for the voter that meets the  
2 requirements for identification established by the director under AS 15.20.081(f) for  
3 absentee voting by mail. The personal representative shall witness and date the  
4 signature of the voter. The voter shall mark the ballot, and complete and sign the  
5 voter's certificate, not later than election day. The voter shall return the absentee  
6 ballot to the personal representative who shall deliver the ballot to the election official  
7 who provided the ballot. The absentee ballot must be returned to the election official  
8 not later than 8:00 p.m. on election day.

9 (f) Notwithstanding (e) of this section, if a qualified voter's disability  
10 precludes the voter from performing any of the requirements of (e) of this section, the  
11 personal representative may perform those requirements on the voter's behalf.

12 (g) An election official shall keep a record of the name and signature of each  
13 personal representative requesting an absentee ballot and the name of the voter on  
14 whose behalf the ballot is requested. The election official shall record the date that  
15 the absentee ballot is provided and the date that the ballot is returned to the election  
16 official.

17 (h) The voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or  
18 agent of the voter's union may not act as a personal representative for that voter.

19 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 15.20.081(d) is amended to read:

20 (d) Upon receipt of an absentee ballot by mail, the voter, in the presence of  
21 a notary public, commissioned officer of the armed forces including the National  
22 Guard, district judge or magistrate, United States postal official, registration official,  
23 or other person qualified to administer oaths, may proceed to mark the ballot in secret,  
24 to place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve [SMALL ENVELOPE], to place the secrecy  
25 sleeve [SMALL ENVELOPE] in the [LARGER] envelope **provided**, and to sign the  
26 voter's certificate on the [BACK OF THE LARGER] envelope in the presence of an  
27 official listed in this subsection who shall sign as attesting official and shall date the  
28 signature. If none of the officials listed in this subsection is reasonably accessible, an  
29 absentee voter shall sign the voter's certificate in the presence of two persons over the  
30 age of 18 years, who shall sign as witnesses and attest to the date on which the voter  
31 signed the certificate in their presence, and, in addition, the voter shall provide the

1 certification prescribed in AS 09.63.020.

2 \* **Sec. 23.** AS 15.20.190(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) Thirty days **before** [PRIOR TO] the date of an election, the election  
4 supervisors shall appoint, in the same manner provided for the appointment of election  
5 judges prescribed in AS 15.10.150, district absentee ballot counting boards and district  
6 questioned ballot counting boards, each composed of **at least** four members. **At least**  
7 **one member of each board must be a member of the same political party of which**  
8 **the governor is a member, and at least one member of each board must be a**  
9 **member of the political party whose candidate for governor received the second**  
10 **largest number of votes in the preceding gubernatorial election** [, TWO FROM  
11 EACH POLITICAL PARTY]. The district boards shall assist the election supervisors  
12 in counting the absentee and questioned ballots and shall receive the same  
13 compensation paid election judges under AS 15.15.380.

14 \* **Sec. 24.** AS 15.20.201(b) is amended to read:

15 (b) Counting of absentee ballots **that** [WHICH] have been reviewed shall  
16 begin at 8:00 p.m., local time, on the day of the election at places designated by each  
17 election supervisor and shall continue until all absentee ballots reviewed and eligible  
18 for counting have been counted. The counting teams shall report the count of absentee  
19 ballots to the district absentee ballot counting board. An election supervisor or an  
20 election official may not **count** [REMOVE] absentee ballots [FROM THE SMALL,  
21 INNER ENVELOPES] before 8:00 p.m., local time, on the day of the election.  
22 Counting of the absentee ballots shall continue at times designated by the election  
23 supervisor until all absentee ballots are counted.

24 \* **Sec. 25.** AS 15.20.203(c) is amended to read:

25 (c) Any person present at the district absentee ballot counting review may  
26 challenge the name of an absentee voter when read from the voter's certificate on the  
27 [BACK OF THE LARGE] envelope if the person has good reason to suspect that the  
28 challenged voter is not qualified to vote, is disqualified, or has voted at the same  
29 election. The person making the challenge shall specify the basis of the challenge in  
30 writing. The district absentee ballot counting board by majority vote may refuse to  
31 accept and count the absentee ballot of a person properly challenged on grounds listed

1 in (b) of this section.

2 \* **Sec. 26.** AS 15.20.203(e) is amended to read:

3 (e) If an absentee ballot is not rejected, the [LARGE] envelope shall be opened  
4 and the secrecy sleeve [SMALL ENVELOPE] containing the absentee ballot shall be  
5 placed in a container and mixed with other secrecy sleeves [SMALL ENVELOPES].

6 \* **Sec. 27.** AS 15.20.203(f) is amended to read:

7 (f) The secrecy sleeves [SMALL ENVELOPES] shall be drawn from the  
8 container, the absentee ballots shall be removed from the secrecy sleeves  
9 [OPENED], and the absentee ballots counted at the times specified in AS 15.20.201  
10 and according to the rules for determining properly marked ballots in AS 15.15.360.

11 \* **Sec. 28.** AS 15.20.207(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) Any person present at the district questioned ballot review may challenge  
13 the name of a questioned voter when read from the voter's certificate on the [BACK  
14 OF THE LARGE] envelope if the person has good reason to suspect that the  
15 questioned voter is not qualified to vote, is disqualified, or has voted at the same  
16 election. The person making the challenge shall specify the basis of the challenge in  
17 writing. The district questioned ballot counting board by majority vote may refuse to  
18 accept and count the questioned ballot of a person properly challenged under grounds  
19 listed in (b) of this section.

20 \* **Sec. 29.** AS 15.20.207(e) is amended to read:

21 (e) If a questioned ballot is not rejected, the [LARGE] envelope shall be  
22 opened and the secrecy sleeve [SMALL ENVELOPE] containing the questioned ballot  
23 shall be placed in a container and mixed with other secrecy sleeves [SMALL  
24 ENVELOPES] containing questioned ballots.

25 \* **Sec. 30.** AS 15.20.207(f) is amended to read:

26 (f) The secrecy sleeves [SMALL ENVELOPES] shall be drawn from the  
27 container, the questioned ballots shall be removed from the secrecy sleeves  
28 [OPENED], and the questioned ballots counted at the times specified in AS 15.20.205  
29 and according to the rules for determining properly marked ballots in AS 15.15.360.

30 \* **Sec. 31.** AS 15.20.207(g) is amended to read:

31 (g) Upon completion of the questioned ballot review, the election supervisor

1 shall prepare an election certificate for execution by the district questioned ballot  
2 counting board, and shall forward the original certificate and returns to the director as  
3 soon as the count is completed but no later than the **11th** [NINTH] day following the  
4 election.

5 \* **Sec. 32.** AS 15.20.620(c) is amended to read:

6 (c) As a security precaution, after the computer has been tested as prescribed  
7 in (b)(2) and (4) of this section,

8 (1) the vote-counting task shall remain isolated from nonrelated  
9 processing tasks;

10 (2) [PROCESSING NOT CONCERNED WITH VOTE COUNTING  
11 SHALL BE LIMITED TO TASKS WHICH ARE CRITICAL TO THE COMPUTER  
12 CENTER AND SHALL BE AGREED UPON IN ADVANCE BY THE MANAGER  
13 OF THE COMPUTER CENTER AND THE DIRECTOR;

14 (3)] reasonable computer security controls shall be in effect to assure  
15 the integrity of the vote-counting process; and

16 **(3)** [(4)] access to the computer counting area shall be controlled by the  
17 data processing review board until the vote-counting process is terminated.

18 \* **Sec. 33.** AS 15.20.620(f) is amended to read:

19 (f) At any time during the count, party representatives or members of the data  
20 processing review board may request a listing of the **parameter coding that**  
21 [PROGRAM SOURCE CODE WHICH] comprises the instructions to be executed by  
22 the computer.

23 \* **Sec. 34.** AS 15.20.640(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) Immediately after the polls have closed, the ballot box shall be opened by  
25 election board members in full view of all persons present, and all ballots shall be  
26 removed [FROM THE BALLOT ENVELOPES].

27 \* **Sec. 35.** AS 15.20.700(c) is amended to read:

28 (c) The **backup documentation for each counting session** [BALLOT IMAGE  
29 MAGNETIC TAPE WHICH CONTAINS AN EXACT IMAGE OF EACH COUNTED  
30 BALLOT] shall be retained in a secure manner by the election supervisor until the  
31 director determines that it is no longer needed.

1 \* **Sec. 36.** AS 15.20.740 is amended to read:

2           Sec. 15.20.740. QUESTIONED PUNCH-CARD BALLOTS. The procedure  
3 for reviewing and counting questioned punch-card ballots is the same procedure  
4 established in AS 15.20.205 and 15.20.207 for hand-marked ballots except that  
5 questioned punch-card ballots may be processed by the computer from the third  
6 through the 10th [EIGHTH] day following the election. The data processing review  
7 board shall supervise the count and shall follow the procedure established in  
8 AS 15.20.680 and 15.20.685.

9 \* **Sec. 37.** AS 15.20.800(d) is amended to read:

10           (d) The voter may cast the ballot under AS 15.20.081(d) - (f)  
11 [AS 15.20.081(d) - (e)].

12 \* **Sec. 38.** AS 15.58.060(a) is amended to read:

13           (a) Each general election candidate shall pay to the lieutenant governor at the  
14 time of filing material under this chapter the following:

15                   (1) President or Vice-President of the United States, United States  
16 senator, United States representative, governor, lieutenant governor, supreme court  
17 justice and court of appeals judge, \$300 [\$150] each;

18                   (2) superior court judge and district court judge, \$150 [\$75] each;

19                   (3) state senator and state representative, \$100 [\$50] each.

20 \* **Sec. 39.** AS 15.58.060(b) is amended to read:

21           (b) The state chair [CHAIRMAN] or executive committee of a political party  
22 shall pay to the lieutenant governor at the time of filing material under this chapter  
23 \$600 [\$300] for each page purchased.

24 \* **Sec. 40.** AS 15.05.040 and AS 15.07.170 are repealed.

25 \* **Sec. 41.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).