

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 376(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/11/98

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES CROFT, Kemplen, Dyson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act limiting the use of voter registration information; and providing for an
2 effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 15.07.060(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Each applicant who requests registration or reregistration shall supply the
6 following information:

7 (1) name and sex;

8 (2) address and other necessary information establishing residence,
9 including the term of residence in the state and in the district, if requested;

10 (3) whether the applicant has previously been registered to vote in
11 another jurisdiction, and, if so, the jurisdiction and the address of the previous
12 registration;

13 (4) a declaration that the registrant will be 18 years of age or older
14 within 90 days of the date of registration;

- 1 (5) a declaration that the registrant is a citizen of the United States;
 2 (6) date of application;
 3 (7) signature or mark;
 4 (8) any former name under which the applicant was registered to vote
 5 in the state;

6 (9) **whether the applicant desires that the information disclosed**
 7 **under (1) - (8) of this subsection is not to be used for commercial purposes;**

8 (10) an attestation that the information provided by the applicant in (1)
 9 - (9) [(1) - (8)] of this subsection is true; and

10 (11) [(10)] a certification that the applicant understands that a false
 11 statement on the application may make the applicant subject to prosecution for a
 12 misdemeanor under this title or AS 11.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.127 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 15.07.127. Preparation of master register.** The director shall prepare
 15 both a statewide list and a list by precinct of the names and addresses of all persons
 16 whose names appear on the master register, [AND] their political party affiliation, **and**
 17 **whether they have indicated on the application for registration or reregistration**
 18 **that the information they supplied in that application is not to be used for**
 19 **commercial purposes.** Any person may obtain a copy of the list, or a part of the list,
 20 or an electronic format containing [BOTH] residence and mailing addresses of voters
 21 **and whether they have designated that this information is not to be used for**
 22 **commercial purposes,** by applying to the director and paying to the state treasury a
 23 fee as determined by the director.

24 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.127 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

25 (b) A person may not knowingly use voter registration information for
 26 commercial purposes if the source indicates that the individual does not desire the
 27 information to be used for commercial purposes. A violation of this subsection is a
 28 class B misdemeanor.

29 (c) In this section, "use voter registration information for commercial
 30 purposes"

31 (1) means selling, giving, or receiving information on or derived from

1 a voter registration list on paper or in electronic format, or information derived solely
2 from a request by an applicant to register or reregister to vote, with the intent to use
3 the information for a commercial purpose;

4 (2) does not include compiling, using, giving, receiving, selling, or
5 purchasing information on or derived from a voter registration list on paper or in
6 electronic format, or information derived solely from a request by an applicant to
7 register or reregister to vote, solely for law enforcement, political campaign, public
8 service, election, or legitimate governmental purposes.

9 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.60.007 is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 15.60.007. Sale of voter registration and election management**
11 **software.** The director may sell voter registration and election management system
12 data processing software. **Use of any such software is subject to AS 15.07.127(b).**

13 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect February 1, 1999.