

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 187(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/20/01
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WARD

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to absentee and special needs voting."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 15.20.045(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The director may designate by regulation adopted under AS 44.62
5 (Administrative Procedure Act) locations at which absentee voting stations will be
6 operated **on or after the 15th day before an election up to and including the date**
7 **of the election** [ON ELECTION DAY AND ON OTHER DATES AND AT TIMES
8 TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR]. The director shall supply absentee
9 voting stations with ballots for all house districts in the state and shall designate
10 absentee voting officials to serve at absentee voting stations.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.20.050 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 15.20.050. Requirement of full public notice.** The director shall give
13 full public notice of the dates and manner of voting absentee and may select any
14 means of communication permitted to be used in giving notice of the date and time of
15 the general election. **The director shall give notice under this section of the**

1 **location of absentee voting stations at least 30 days before each election.**

2 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.20.061(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) A qualified voter may apply in person for an absentee ballot to the
4 following election officials at the times specified:

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

7 (2) to an election supervisor

8 [(A) AFTER A DATE ANNOUNCED BY THE DIRECTOR
9 UNDER AS 15.20.048(b); AND

10 [(B)] on or after the 15th day before an election up to and
11 including the date of the election;

12 (3) to an absentee voting official at an absentee voting station
13 designated under AS 15.20.045(b) **on or after the 15th day before an election up to**
14 **and including the date of the election** [AT ANY TIME WHEN THE ABSENTEE
15 VOTING STATION IS OPERATING];

16 (4) to an absentee voting official in the precinct in which no volunteers
17 can be located to serve on the election board on or after the 15th day before an election
18 up to and including election day.

19 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.20.072(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) The voter may, through a representative, request a special needs ballot
21 from the following election officials at the times specified:

22 (1) from an absentee voting official on or after the 15th day before an
23 election, up to and including election day;

24 (2) from an election supervisor

25 [(A) AFTER A DATE ANNOUNCED BY THE DIRECTOR
26 UNDER AS 15.20.048(b); AND

27 [(B)] on or after the 15th day before an election up to and
28 including election day;

29 (3) from an absentee voting official at an absentee voting station
30 designated under AS 15.20.045(b) **on or after the 15th day before an election up to**
31 **and including the date of the election** [AT A TIME WHEN THE ABSENTEE

- 1 VOTING STATION IS IN OPERATION]; or
- 2 (4) from a member of the precinct election board on election day.
- 3 * **Sec. 5.** AS 15.20.048(b) is repealed.