

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES HAWKER, Coghill

Introduced: 1/21/03

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to ballots."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 15.25.060 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 15.25.060. Preparation and distribution of ballots.** (a) The primary
 5 election ballots shall be prepared and distributed by the director in the manner
 6 prescribed in this section. The director shall prepare and provide a primary election
 7 ballot for each political party that contains all of the candidates of that party for
 8 elective state executive and state and national legislative offices. The director shall
 9 print the ballots on white paper and place the names of all candidates who have
 10 properly filed in groups according to offices. The order of the placement of the names
 11 for each office shall be as provided for the general election ballot. Blank spaces may
 12 not be provided on the ballot for the writing or pasting in of names. **The director**
 13 **shall also prepare and print a separate ballot including only the ballot titles and**
 14 **propositions required to appear on the ballot at the primary election.**

15 (b) A voter may vote only one **political party ballot in the** primary election

1 [BALLOT]. A voter may vote a political party ballot only if the voter is registered as
2 affiliated with that party, is allowed to participate in the party primary under the
3 party's bylaws, or is registered as nonpartisan or undeclared rather than as affiliated
4 with a particular political party and the party's bylaws do not restrict participation by
5 nonpartisan or undeclared voters in the party's primary. For the purpose of
6 determining which **political party** [PRIMARY ELECTION] ballot a voter may use, a
7 voter's party affiliation is considered to be the affiliation registered with the director as
8 of the 30th day before the primary election. If a voter changes party affiliation within
9 the 30 days before the primary election, the voter's previous party affiliation shall be
10 used for the determination under this subsection.