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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 496(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES DAHLSTROM, McGuire, Kerttula, Chenault, Seaton, Lynn

SENATORS Ogan, Dyson, Davis, Ellis, Stedman

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act creating the youth vote ambassador program and relating to that program;**
 2 **authorizing the members of the program to be appointed to serve on election boards;**
 3 **relating to qualifications for appointment to election boards; and providing for an**
 4 **effective date."**

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 15.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 15.10.108. Youth vote ambassador program.** (a) The youth vote
 8 ambassador program is established in the division of elections.

9 (b) In order to serve as a member of the youth vote ambassador program, an
 10 individual must

11 (1) be a student age 16 or older

12 (A) enrolled in a public or private high school program in this
 13 state; or

14 (B) being educated in the student's home by a parent or legal

1 guardian in this state under AS 14.30.010(b)(12);

2 (2) volunteer to serve in the youth vote ambassador program and be
3 appointed to the youth vote ambassador program by the director of elections; and

4 (3) if appointed, agree to complete a program of training as determined
5 by the director of elections.

6 (c) An election supervisor may appoint a member of the youth vote
7 ambassador program to serve on a precinct election board appointed under
8 AS 15.10.120. A program member who is appointed to serve on an election board
9 under this subsection serves under the supervision of the chairperson for that board.

10 (d) A member of the program who is appointed under (c) of this section is
11 compensated as provided in AS 15.15.380 only for service on the election board of the
12 precinct.

13 (e) A member of the program may provide unpaid volunteer services related to
14 education and outreach on state elections as directed by, and under the supervision of,
15 the director of elections.

16 (f) In this section, "program" means the youth vote ambassador program.

17 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.10.120(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) An election supervisor shall appoint in each precinct within the election
19 supervisor's district an election board composed of at least three qualified voters
20 registered to vote in that precinct. **If the election supervisor is unable to locate**
21 **three qualified individuals registered to vote in that precinct who are willing and**
22 **able to serve on the election board, the election supervisor may appoint any**
23 **qualified individual registered to vote in the election district in which the precinct**
24 **is located. If the election supervisor is unable to locate three qualified individuals**
25 **registered to vote in the precinct or in the district who are willing and able to**
26 **serve on the election board, the election supervisor may appoint any qualified**
27 **individual registered to vote in this state. In addition to the three qualified voters**
28 **registered to vote in the precinct, district, or state, an election supervisor may**
29 **also appoint not more than two members of the youth vote ambassador program**
30 **established in AS 15.10.108 to serve on a precinct election board.**

31 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.10.120(c) is amended to read:

1 (c) An election supervisor shall appoint one nominee of the political party of
2 which the governor is a member and one nominee of the political party that received
3 the second largest number of votes statewide in the preceding gubernatorial election.
4 [THE ELECTION SUPERVISOR SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE
5 ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THAT
6 PRECINCT.] If a party district committee or state party central committee of the
7 party of which the governor is a member or the party that received the second largest
8 number of votes statewide in the preceding gubernatorial election fails to present the
9 names prescribed by (b) of this section by April 15 of a regular election year or at least
10 60 days before a special election, the election supervisor may appoint any qualified
11 individual registered to vote [IN THAT PRECINCT].

12 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).