

**SENATE BILL NO. 80**

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

**BY SENATOR DAVIS**

**Introduced: 2/21/03**

**Referred: State Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to voter registration."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.05.010 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 15.05.010. Voter qualification.** A person may vote at any election who

5 (1) is a citizen of the United States;

6 (2) is 18 years of age or older;

7 (3) has been a resident of the state and of the house district in which  
8 the person seeks to vote for at least 30 days just before the election; and

9 (4) has registered [BEFORE THE ELECTION] as required under  
10 AS 15.07 and is not registered to vote in another jurisdiction.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.070(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) Qualified voters may register in person before a registration official or  
13 through a voter registration agency at any time throughout the year, except that a  
14 person registering within 30 days preceding an election may **only vote a questioned**  
15 **ballot** [NOT VOTE] at that election. Upon receipt and approval of the registration

1 forms, the director or the election supervisor shall forward to the voter an  
 2 acknowledgment in the form of a registration card, and the voter's name shall  
 3 immediately be placed on the master register located in the office of the director and  
 4 on the district register located in the office of the election supervisor. Names of  
 5 persons registering 30 or more days before an election shall be placed on the official  
 6 registration list for that election.

7 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.070(h) is amended to read:

8 (h) The director shall design the form of the voter's certificate appearing on  
 9 the envelope that is used for voting a questioned ballot so that all information required  
 10 for registration by AS 15.07.060(a) may be obtained from a voter who votes a  
 11 questioned ballot. **A qualified voter may register by completing the registration**  
 12 **form on the questioned ballot envelope.** If the voter voting a questioned ballot has  
 13 completed all information on the voter registration portion of the questioned ballot  
 14 voter's certificate, the director shall place the name of the voter on the official  
 15 registration list.

16 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.15.198 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 (c) A person who casts a questioned ballot under (a) of this section shall have  
 18 the ballot counted if the person has completed all of the information on the voter  
 19 registration portion of the questioned ballot voter's certificate under AS 15.07.070(h)  
 20 and the person has the qualifications of a voter set out in AS 15.05.010(1) - (4).

21 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 15.20.207(b) is amended to read:

22 (b) A questioned ballot may not be counted if

23 **(1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certificate; or**

24 **(2) the person casting the ballot does not possess the qualifications**  
 25 **of a voter under AS 15.05.010.**

26 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 15.25.060(b) is amended to read:

27 (b) A voter may vote only one primary election ballot. A voter may vote a  
 28 political party ballot only if the voter is registered as affiliated with that party, is  
 29 allowed to participate in the party primary under the party's bylaws, or is registered as  
 30 nonpartisan or undeclared rather than as affiliated with a particular political party and  
 31 the party's bylaws do not restrict participation by nonpartisan or undeclared voters in

1 the party's primary. For the purpose of determining which primary election ballot a  
2 voter may use, a voter's party affiliation is considered to be the affiliation registered  
3 with the director as of the 30th day before the primary election. If a voter changes  
4 party affiliation within the 30 days before the primary election, the voter's previous  
5 party affiliation shall be used for the determination under this subsection. **A voter**  
6 **registering within 30 days preceding an election under AS 15.07.070(d) or (h)**  
7 **may declare a party affiliation at the time of registration.**

8 \* Sec. 7. AS 15.15.198(b) is repealed.