

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 284(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/8/04

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR GUESS

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act making information on a permanent fund dividend application, other than the**  
2 **applicant's name, confidential, and relating to disclosure of that confidential**  
3 **information; and relating to confidential information in voter registration records."**

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 15.07.195. Certain information in voter registration records**  
7 **confidential.** (a) The following information set out in state voter registration records  
8 is confidential and is not open to public inspection:

- 9 (1) the voter's age or date of birth;
- 10 (2) the voter's social security number, or any part of that number;
- 11 (3) the voter's driver's license number;
- 12 (4) the voter's voter identification number;
- 13 (5) the voter's place of birth;
- 14 (6) the voter's signature.

1 (b) In addition to the information in (a) of this section, a voter may elect in  
 2 writing to keep the voter's residential address confidential and not open to public  
 3 inspection if the voter provides a separate mailing address. However, notwithstanding  
 4 an election under this subsection, a voter's residential address may be disclosed to

5 (1) a watcher appointed under AS 15.10.170 and, in the case of a  
 6 watcher appointed by an organization or group sponsoring or opposing an initiative,  
 7 referendum, or recall group, authorized by the director;

8 (2) an observer of a recount provided under AS 15.20.440(b) by a  
 9 candidate, political party, or organized group having a direct interest in the recount; or

10 (3) the subject of a recall election if the voter voted in the recall  
 11 election.

12 (c) Notwithstanding other provisions, and in compliance with federal law,  
 13 information made confidential by this section may be released by the division

14 (1) to a local, state, or federal government agency, including to the  
 15 child support enforcement agency created in AS 25.27.010 or the child support  
 16 enforcement agency of another state; the agency receiving information under this  
 17 paragraph may use the information only for governmental purposes authorized under  
 18 law;

19 (2) in compliance with a court order;

20 (3) to a person holding a writ of execution against the person or  
 21 property of the voter; or

22 (4) if the voter about whom information has been requested has  
 23 provided written consent to the release.

24 (d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the release of a voter's voter  
 25 ascension number if that information may be released under other provisions of law.

26 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 43.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

27 **Sec. 43.23.017. Applicant information confidential.** Information on each  
 28 permanent fund dividend application, except the applicant's name, is confidential. The  
 29 department may only release information that is confidential under this section

30 (1) to a local, state, or federal government agency;

31 (2) in compliance with a court order;

1                   (3) to the individual or agency who files an application on behalf of  
2 another;

3                   (4) to a banking institution to verify the direct deposit of a permanent  
4 fund dividend or correct an error in that deposit;

5                   (5) as directed to do so by the applicant; and

6                   (6) to a contractor who has a contract with a person entitled to obtain  
7 the information under (1) - (5) of this section to receive, store, or manage the  
8 information on that person's behalf; a contractor receiving data under this paragraph  
9 may only use the data as directed by and for the purposes of the person entitled to  
10 obtain the information.

11       \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
12 read:

13           APPLICATION. (a) AS 15.07.195, added in sec. 1 of the Act, applies to voter  
14 registration records beginning on January 1, 2005, and thereafter.

15           (b) AS 43.23.017, added in sec. 2 of this Act, applies to applications for the 2005  
16 permanent fund dividend and for dividends for years thereafter.