

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 139**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA

Introduced: 3/4/05

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the voting rights of felons."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.05.030 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 15.05.030. Loss and restoration of voting rights.** (a) A person  
5 convicted of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral turpitude under state or  
6 federal law may not vote in a state, federal, or municipal election **while incarcerated**  
7 **for that crime** [FROM THE DATE OF THE CONVICTION THROUGH THE  
8 DATE OF THE UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE OF THE PERSON]. Upon  
9 **release from incarceration** [THE UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE], the person  
10 may register under AS 15.07.

11 (b) The commissioner of corrections shall establish procedures by which a  
12 person **released from incarceration** [UNCONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED] is  
13 advised of the voter registration requirements and procedures.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.135 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 15.07.135. Cancellation of registration of convicted persons.** (a) The

1 director shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the names of persons convicted of a  
2 felony involving moral turpitude **and incarcerated for that crime**. Promptly after  
3 receipt of evidence satisfactory to the director that a person has been convicted of a  
4 felony involving moral turpitude **and incarcerated for that crime**, the director shall  
5 cancel the registration of the person.

6 (b) Upon presenting proof that a person whose registration was canceled under  
7 (a) of this section has been **released from incarceration** [UNCONDITIONALLY  
8 DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY], the person may register. The director shall  
9 make reasonable efforts to verify the **release from incarceration**  
10 [UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE] of persons applying for registration under this  
11 subsection.

12 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 33.30.241(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) A person who is convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude as defined  
14 in AS 15.60.010 is disqualified from voting in a state or municipal election **while the**  
15 **person is incarcerated for that crime** [UNTIL THE PERSON'S  
16 UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE].

17 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.60.010(36) is repealed.