

**HOUSE BILL NO. 253**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 5/3/07

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the withdrawal of a candidate from a judicial retention election and**  
2 **the removal of such a candidate's name from the general election ballot; and providing**  
3 **for an effective date."**

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 15.35.135. Withdrawal of candidacy; removal of name from general**  
7 **election ballot.** (a) Notice of withdrawal of candidacy for retention for a supreme  
8 court justice, judge of the court of appeals, superior court judge, or district court judge  
9 must be in writing over the signature of the candidate.

10 (b) The name of a candidate for retention for supreme court justice, judge of  
11 the court of appeals, superior court judge, or district court judge must appear on the  
12 general election ballot unless notice under (a) of this section of withdrawal of  
13 candidacy is received by the director at least 48 days before the date of the general  
14 election.

1     \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).