

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 402

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

Introduced: 3/11/08

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to elections; relating to the definition of 'political party'; and providing**
2 **for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 15.15.032 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) If the director provides for voting by use of electronically generated
6 ballots, the director shall provide ballots in English, and may provide ballots in one or
7 more languages other than English.

8 *** Sec. 2.** AS 15.60.010(25) is amended to read:

9 (25) "political party" means an organized group of voters that
10 represents a political program and **has at least 2,500 registered voters in the state**

11 [(A) THAT NOMINATED A CANDIDATE FOR
12 GOVERNOR WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE
13 TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR GOVERNOR AT THE PRECEDING
14 GENERAL ELECTION OR HAS REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE

1 EQUAL IN NUMBER TO AT LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL
2 VOTES CAST FOR GOVERNOR AT THE PRECEDING GENERAL
3 ELECTION;

4 (B) IF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR WAS NOT ON THE
5 BALLOT AT THE PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION BUT THE OFFICE
6 OF UNITED STATES SENATOR WAS ON THAT BALLOT, THAT
7 NOMINATED A CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR WHO
8 RECEIVED AT LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST
9 FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR AT THAT GENERAL ELECTION OR
10 HAS REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE EQUAL IN NUMBER TO
11 AT LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR
12 UNITED STATES SENATOR AT THAT GENERAL ELECTION; OR

13 (C) IF NEITHER THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR NOR THE
14 OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR WAS ON THE BALLOT AT
15 THE PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION, THAT NOMINATED A
16 CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE WHO
17 RECEIVED AT LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST
18 FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AT THAT GENERAL
19 ELECTION OR HAS REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE EQUAL IN
20 NUMBER TO AT LEAST THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES
21 CAST FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AT THAT GENERAL
22 ELECTION];

23 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).