

SENATE BILL NO. 68

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DAVIS

Introduced: 1/21/09

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

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 convicted
5 of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral turpitude under state or federal law
6 may not vote in a state, federal, or municipal election **while incarcerated for that**
7 **crime** [FROM THE DATE OF THE CONVICTION THROUGH THE DATE OF
8 THE UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE OF THE PERSON]. Upon **release from**
9 **incarceration** [THE UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE], the person may register
10 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. **The procedures**
14 **established under this subsection must provide that at the time of the person's**
15 **release from incarceration,**

1 **(1) the department shall give the person a written notification of**
 2 **the person's restored right to vote; and**

3 **(2) the commissioner of corrections shall notify the director that**
 4 **the person is entitled to be reregistered as a voter.**

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.135 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 15.07.135. Cancellation of registration of incarcerated**
 7 **[CONVICTED] persons.** (a) The director shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the
 8 names of persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude **and incarcerated**
 9 **for that crime.** Promptly after receipt of evidence satisfactory to the director that a
 10 person has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude **and incarcerated for**
 11 **that crime,** the director shall cancel the registration of the person.

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

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

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

22 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.60.010(39) is repealed.