

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 287(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/3/12

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GRUENBERG, Petersen

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing that an absentee ballot application submitted by a voter or on behalf**
2 **of a voter is valid through the following two general elections; providing that an**
3 **absentee ballot application for a voter who submits an absentee ballot application and**
4 **then votes an absentee ballot is valid through the two general elections following the**
5 **election at which the ballot is cast; and providing for an effective date."**

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

7 *** Section 1.** AS 15.20.081(i) is repealed and reenacted to read:

8 (i) An absentee ballot application submitted by a qualified voter or on behalf
9 of a qualified voter is valid through the next two regularly scheduled general elections
10 following the date the application is submitted. If a voter casts an absentee ballot in
11 accordance with (d) - (f) of this section that was received by the voter as a result of an
12 absentee ballot application, the voter's application remains valid through the next two
13 regularly scheduled general elections following the election in which the ballot was

1 cast. However, nothing in this subsection requires the director or an election
2 supervisor to send an absentee ballot to a voter after the director or election supervisor
3 has received actual notice that mail sent to the permanent mailing address of the voter,
4 or a different address provided by the voter, is undeliverable to the voter at that
5 address.

6 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2013.