

AMENDMENT #10

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: CSHB 234(STA)

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

1 Page 1, line 1, following "**contributions**";:

2 Insert "**relating to election ballots**";

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4 Page 3, following line 7:

5 Insert a new bill section to read:

6 "**\* Sec. 8.** AS 15.15.030 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 15.15.030. Preparation of official ballot.** The director shall prepare all  
8 official ballots to facilitate fairness, simplicity, and clarity in the voting procedure, to  
9 reflect most accurately the intent of the voter, and to expedite the administration of  
10 elections. The following directives shall be followed when applicable:

11 (1) The director shall determine the size of the ballot, the type of print,  
12 necessary additional instruction notes to voters, and other similar matters of form not  
13 provided by law.

14 (2) The director shall number ballots in series to ensure simplicity and  
15 secrecy and to prevent fraud.

16 (3) The director shall contract for the preparation of ballots under  
17 AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code).

18 (4) The director may not include on the ballot, as a part of a candidate's  
19 name, any honorary or assumed title or prefix but may include in the candidate's name  
20 any nickname or familiar form of a proper name of the candidate.

21 (5) The names of the candidates shall be placed in separate sections on  
22 the state general election ballot under the office designation to which they were  
23 nominated. If a candidate is registered as affiliated with a political party or political

1 group, the party affiliation, if any, may be designated after the name of the candidate,  
2 upon request of the candidate. If a candidate has requested designation as nonpartisan  
3 or undeclared, that designation shall be placed after the name of the candidate. If a  
4 candidate is not registered as affiliated with a political party or political group and has  
5 not requested to be designated as nonpartisan or undeclared, the candidate shall be  
6 designated as undeclared. The lieutenant governor and the governor shall be included  
7 under the same section. **The director shall provide space to rank four** [PROVISION  
8 SHALL BE MADE FOR VOTING FOR] write-in candidates within each section.  
9 Paper ballots for the state general election shall be printed on white paper.

10 (6) The names of the candidates for each office shall be set out in the  
11 same order on ballots printed for use in each house district. The director shall  
12 randomly determine the order of the names of the candidates for state representative  
13 for each house district. The director shall rotate the order of placement of the names of  
14 candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator, United States  
15 representative, and state senator on the ballot for each house district.

16 (7) The general election ballot shall be designed with the names of  
17 candidates of each political party, and of any independent candidates qualified under  
18 AS 15.30.026, for the office of President and Vice-President of the United States  
19 placed in the same section on the ballot rather than the names of electors of President  
20 and Vice-President.

21 (8) The general or special election ballot shall be designed with the  
22 title and proposition for any initiative, referendum, or constitutional amendment  
23 formulated as prescribed by law and placed on the ballot in the manner prescribed by  
24 the director. When placed on the ballot, a state ballot proposition or ballot question  
25 shall carry the number that was assigned to the petition for the proposition or question.  
26 Provision shall be made for marking the proposition "Yes" or "No."

27 (9) The general or special election ballot shall be designed with the  
28 question of whether a constitutional convention shall be called placed on the ballot in  
29 the following manner: "Shall there be a constitutional convention?" Provision shall be  
30 made for marking the question "Yes" or "No."

31 (10) A nonpartisan ballot shall be designed for each judicial district in

1 which a justice or judge is seeking retention in office. The ballot shall be divided into  
 2 four parts. Each part must bear a heading indicating the court to which the candidate is  
 3 seeking approval, and provision shall be made for marking each question "Yes" or  
 4 "No." Within each part, the question of whether the justice or judge shall be approved  
 5 or rejected shall be set out in substantially the following manner:

6 (A) "Shall . . . . . be retained as justice of the supreme court  
 7 for 10 years?";

8 (B) "Shall . . . . . be retained as judge of the court of appeals  
 9 for eight years?";

10 (C) "Shall . . . . . be retained as judge of the superior court  
 11 for six years?"; or

12 (D) "Shall . . . . . be retained as judge of the district court for  
 13 four years?"

14 (11) When the legislature by law authorizes a state debt for capital  
 15 improvements, the director shall place the question of whether the specific  
 16 authorization shall be ratified by placing the ballot title and question on the next  
 17 general election ballot, or on the special election ballot if a special election is held for  
 18 the purpose of ratifying the state debt for capital improvements before the time of the  
 19 next general election. Unless specifically provided otherwise in the Act authorizing  
 20 the debt, the ballot title shall, by the use of a few words in a succinct manner, indicate  
 21 the general subject of the Act. The question shall, by the use of a few sentences in a  
 22 succinct manner, give a true and impartial summary of the Act authorizing the state  
 23 debt. The question of whether state debt shall be contracted shall be assigned a letter  
 24 of the alphabet on the ballot. Provision shall be made for marking the question  
 25 substantially as follows:

26 "Bonds . . . . . Yes" or "Bonds . . . . . No,"

27 followed by an appropriate oval.

28 (12) The director may provide for the optical scanning of ballots where  
 29 the requisite equipment is available.

30 (13) The director may provide for voting by use of electronically  
 31 generated ballots by a voter who requests to use a machine that produces electronically

1 generated ballots.

2 (14) The director shall include the following statement on the ballot:

3 A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that  
4 the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political  
5 party or group or that the party or group approves of or  
6 associates with that candidate, but only that the  
7 candidate is registered as affiliated with the political  
8 party or political group.

9 (15) Instead of the statement provided by (14) of this section, when  
10 candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States appear on a general  
11 election ballot, the director shall include the following statement on the ballot:

12 A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that  
13 the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political  
14 party or political group or that the political party or  
15 political group approves of or associates with that  
16 candidate, but only that the candidate is registered as  
17 affiliated with the party or group. The election for  
18 President and Vice-President of the United States is  
19 different. Some candidates for President and Vice-  
20 President are the official nominees of their political  
21 party.

22 (16) The director shall design the general election ballots so that the  
23 candidates are selected by ranked-choice voting.

24 (17) The director shall design the general election ballot to direct the  
25 voter to mark candidates in order of preference and to mark as many choices as the  
26 voter wishes, but not to assign the same ranking to more than one candidate for the  
27 same office."

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29 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.