

AMENDMENT #4

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSHB 129(JUD)

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

- 1 Page 1, line 1, following "registration;": *(Title Amendment)*
2 Insert "relating to absentee voting;"
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4 Page 4, following line 24:
5 Insert new bill sections to read:
6 **** Sec. 7.** AS 15.20.203(a) is amended to read:
7 (a) The district absentee ballot counting board shall examine each absentee
8 ballot envelope and shall determine whether the absentee voter is qualified to vote at
9 the election, whether the signature on the certificate is consistent with the voter's
10 signature in voter registration records, and whether the absentee ballot has been
11 properly cast.
12 *** Sec. 8.** AS 15.20.203(b) is amended to read:
13 (b) An absentee ballot may not be counted if
14 (1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certificate;
15 (2) an official or the witnesses authorized by law to attest the voter's
16 certificate fail to execute the certificate, except that an absentee ballot cast in person
17 and accepted by an absentee voting official or election supervisor may be counted
18 despite failure of the absentee voting official or election supervisor to properly sign
19 and date the voter's certificate as attesting official as required under AS 15.20.061(c);
20 (3) the ballot is not attested on or before the date of the election;
21 (4) the ballot, if postmarked, is not postmarked on or before the date of
22 the election;
23 (5) after the day of election, the ballot was delivered by a means other

1 than mail; [OR]

2 (6) the voter voted

3 (A) in person and is a

4 (i) first-time voter who initially registered by mail or by
5 facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director
6 under AS 15.07.050, has not provided the identification required by
7 AS 15.15.225(a), was not eligible for waiver of the identification
8 requirement under AS 15.15.225(b), and has not provided the
9 identifiers required in AS 15.07.060(a)(2) and (3) that can be verified
10 through state agency records described in AS 15.07.055(e); or

11 (ii) voter other than one described in (i) of this
12 subparagraph, did not provide identification described in
13 AS 15.15.225(a), was not personally known by the election official,
14 and has not provided the identifiers required in AS 15.07.060(a)(2) and
15 (3); or

16 (B) by mail or electronic transmission, is a first-time voter who
17 initially registered by mail or by facsimile or other electronic transmission
18 approved by the director under AS 15.07.050 to vote, has not met the
19 identification requirements set out in AS 15.07.060, and does not submit with
20 the ballot a copy of a

21 (i) driver's license, state identification card, current and
22 valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or hunting or
23 fishing license; or

24 (ii) current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,
25 government check, or other government document; an item described
26 in this sub-subparagraph must show the name and current address of
27 the voter; or

28 **(7) the signature on the certificate is inconsistent with the voter's**
29 **signature in voter registration records.**

30 * **Sec. 9.** AS 15.20.203 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 (k) The district absentee ballot counting board shall determine whether a

1 voter's signature on the certificate is consistent with the voter's signature in voter
2 registration records under (a) of this section using a signature verification process that
3 includes signature comparison software, according to a procedure provided in
4 regulations adopted by the director."

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6 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.