

**HOUSE BILL NO. 43**

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**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to the crime of unlawful**  
2 **interference with voting; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 15.05.010 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 15.05.010. Voter qualification.** A person may vote at any election who

6 (1) is a citizen of the United States;

7 (2) is 18 years of age or older;

8 (3) has been a resident of the state and of the house district in which  
9 the person seeks to vote for at least 30 days just before the election; and

10 (4) has registered [BEFORE THE ELECTION] as required under  
11 AS 15.07 and is not registered to vote in another jurisdiction.

12 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (g) An applicant who requests registration within 30 days before an election in  
14 which the applicant desires to vote shall provide

1 (1) an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury and witnessed by an  
 2 election official, stating whether the applicant established residency at least 30 days  
 3 before the date of the election in

4 (A) the state; and

5 (B) the house district in which the applicant seeks to vote at the  
 6 election; and

7 (2) a physical or electronic copy of

8 (A) identification issued by the federal government, the state, a  
 9 municipality, a tribal government, or a secondary or postsecondary school that  
 10 displays the applicant's Alaska residence address; or

11 (B) a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check,  
 12 or other government document dated not more than 60 days before the  
 13 registration or reregistration and displaying the applicant's name and Alaska  
 14 residence address.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.070(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) The names of persons submitting completed registration forms by mail that  
 17 are postmarked at least 30 days before the next election, or submitting completed  
 18 registration forms by facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the  
 19 director under AS 15.07.050 that are received at least 30 days before the next election,  
 20 shall be placed on the official registration list for that election. If a registration form  
 21 received by mail less than 30 days before an election does not have a legible and dated  
 22 postmark, the name of the person submitting the form shall be placed on the official  
 23 registration list for that election if the form was signed and dated by the person at least  
 24 30 days before the election and if the form is received by the director or election  
 25 supervisor at least 25 days before the election. The name of a person submitting a  
 26 completed registration form by mail or by facsimile or other electronic transmission  
 27 that does not meet the applicable requirements of this subsection may not be placed on  
 28 the official registration list for that election but shall be placed on the master register  
 29 after that election. **A person submitting a completed registration form that does**  
 30 **not meet the requirements of this subsection for placement on the master register**  
 31 **for the next election but who complies with AS 15.07.060(g) may vote an absentee**

1 **in-person, special needs, or questioned ballot at that election.**

2 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.070(d) is amended to read:

3 (d) Qualified voters may register in person before a registration official or  
 4 through a voter registration agency at any time throughout the year. **A qualified voter**  
 5 **who registers** [, EXCEPT THAT A PERSON REGISTERING] within 30 days **before**  
 6 **or on the day of an election may vote only an absentee in-person, special needs, or**  
 7 **questioned ballot** [PRECEDING AN ELECTION IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE] at  
 8 that election. **The division may not reject the absentee in-person, special needs, or**  
 9 **questioned ballot of a qualified voter who registers within 30 days before or on**  
 10 **the day of an election on the grounds that the voter is not on the official**  
 11 **registration list for the election.** Upon receipt and approval of the registration forms,  
 12 the director or the election supervisor shall forward to the voter an acknowledgment in  
 13 the form of a registration card, and the voter's name shall immediately be placed on  
 14 the master register. Names of persons registering 30 or more days before an election  
 15 shall be placed on the official registration list for that election.

16 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 15.07.070(h) is amended to read:

17 (h) The director shall design the form of the voter's certificate appearing on  
 18 the envelope that is used for voting an absentee in-person, **special needs,** or  
 19 questioned ballot so that all information required for registration by AS 15.07.060(a)  
 20 may be obtained from a voter who votes an absentee in-person, **special needs,** or  
 21 questioned ballot. **The form must include the instruction that a person registering**  
 22 **to vote using the voter's certificate who wishes to declare the person's affiliation**  
 23 **should complete the affiliation section on the certificate.** If the voter voting an  
 24 absentee in-person, **special needs,** or questioned ballot has completed all information  
 25 on the voter registration portion of the absentee in-person, **special needs,** or  
 26 questioned ballot voter's certificate, the director shall place the name of the voter on  
 27 the official registration list.

28 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 15.07.090(b) is amended to read:

29 (b) A voter shall reregister if the voter's registration is cancelled as provided in  
 30 AS 15.07.130. **A person reregistering under this subsection may vote only an**  
 31 **absentee in-person, special needs, or questioned ballot until** [THE

1 REREGISTRATION IS EFFECTIVE FOR] the next election that occurs at least 30  
 2 days after the date of reregistration. **The division may not reject the absentee in-**  
 3 **person, special needs, or questioned ballot of a qualified voter who reregisters**  
 4 **within 30 days before or on the day of an election on the grounds that the voter is**  
 5 **not on the official registration list for the election.**

6 \* Sec. 7. AS 15.07.090(c) is amended to read:

7 (c) The director shall transfer the registration of a voter from one precinct to  
 8 another within a house district when requested by the voter. **If a [THE] request is**  
 9 **[SHALL BE] made within 30 [OR MORE] days before [THE] election day or on**  
 10 **election day, a person transferring registration to a new precinct may vote only**  
 11 **an absentee in-person, special needs, or questioned ballot. The division may not**  
 12 **reject the absentee in-person, special needs, or questioned ballot of a qualified**  
 13 **voter who transfers registration within 30 days before or on the day of an election**  
 14 **on the grounds that the voter is not on the official registration list for the election.**

15 The director shall transfer the registration of a voter from one house district to another  
 16 when requested by the voter. The voter must reside in the new house district for at  
 17 least 30 days in order to vote **a ballot for that district.**

18 \* Sec. 8. AS 15.07.090(d) is amended to read:

19 (d) A person who claims to be a registered voter, but for whom no evidence of  
 20 registration in the precinct can be found, **may vote only an absentee in-person,**  
 21 **special needs, or questioned ballot. The division may not reject the absentee in-**  
 22 **person, special needs, or questioned ballot of a qualified voter who registers**  
 23 **within 30 days before or on the day of an election on the grounds that the voter is**  
 24 **not on the official registration list for the election** [SHALL BE GRANTED THE  
 25 RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THAT OF A QUESTIONED  
 26 VOTER AND THE BALLOT SHALL BE TREATED IN THE SAME MANNER.  
 27 THE BALLOT SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE A "QUESTIONED BALLOT"  
 28 AND SHALL BE SO DESIGNATED. THE DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S  
 29 REPRESENTATIVE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE VOTER IS  
 30 REGISTERED IN THE HOUSE DISTRICT BEFORE COUNTING THE BALLOT.  
 31 A VOTER WHO HAS FAILED TO OBTAIN A TRANSFER AS PROVIDED IN (c)

1 OF THIS SECTION SHALL VOTE A "QUESTIONED BALLOT" IN THE  
2 PRECINCT IN WHICH THE VOTER RESIDES].

3 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 15.07.130(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) For purposes of (b) and (d) of this section, a voter "appears to vote" if

5 (1) the voter is present at a polling place or at an **early** [ABSENTEE]  
6 voting station **designated under AS 15.20.045(b)** at a time when the polling place or  
7 **early** [ABSENTEE] voting station is operating, for the purpose of casting a vote;

8 (2) the voter applies to the division to obtain an absentee ballot; or

9 (3) in an election conducted by mail under AS 15.20.800, a voter who  
10 has not received a ballot by mail makes a timely request to the division for a ballot.

11 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 15.15.370 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 15.15.370. Completion of ballot count; certificate.** When the count of  
13 ballots is completed, and in no event later than the day after the election, the election  
14 board shall make a certificate in duplicate of the results. The certificate includes the  
15 number of votes cast for each candidate, including, for a candidate in a general  
16 election, the number of votes at each round of the ranked-choice tabulation process  
17 under AS 15.15.350, the number of votes for and against each proposition, yes or no  
18 on each question, and any additional information prescribed by the director. The  
19 election board shall, immediately upon completion of the certificate or as soon  
20 thereafter as the local mail service permits, send in one sealed package to the director  
21 one copy of the certificate and the register. In addition, all ballots properly cast shall  
22 be mailed to the director in a separate, sealed package. Both packages, in addition to  
23 an address on the outside, shall clearly indicate the precinct from which they come.  
24 Each board shall, immediately upon completion of the certification and as soon  
25 thereafter as the local mail service permits, send the duplicate certificate to the  
26 respective election supervisor. The director may authorize election boards in precincts  
27 in those areas of the state where distance and weather make mail communication  
28 unreliable to forward their election results by telephone or radio. The director may  
29 authorize the unofficial totaling of votes on a regional basis by election supervisors,  
30 tallying the votes as indicated on duplicate certificates. **If the director publishes**  
31 **unofficial results, the director shall include, for each candidate, the subsequent**

1 **candidate rankings selected by the voters who ranked that candidate as the**  
 2 **voters' first choice.** To ensure adequate protection, the director shall prescribe the  
 3 manner in which the ballots, registers, and all other election records and materials are  
 4 thereafter preserved, transferred, and destroyed.

5 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 15.20.030 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 15.20.030. Preparation of ballots, envelopes, and other material.** The  
 7 director shall provide ballots for use as absentee ballots in all districts. The director  
 8 shall provide a secrecy sleeve in which the voter shall initially place the marked ballot,  
 9 and shall provide **a postage-paid return** [AN] envelope with the prescribed voter's  
 10 certificate on it, in which the secrecy sleeve with ballot enclosed shall be placed. The  
 11 director shall prescribe the form of and prepare the voter's certificate, envelopes, and  
 12 other material used in absentee voting. The voter's certificate shall include a  
 13 declaration, for use when required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all respects, a  
 14 blank for the voter's signature, **and a space for recording the date that the voter**  
 15 **signed the certificate. An envelope may not identify a voter's party affiliation** [, A  
 16 CERTIFICATION THAT THE AFFIANT PROPERLY EXECUTED THE  
 17 MARKING OF THE BALLOT AND GAVE THE VOTER'S IDENTITY, BLANKS  
 18 FOR THE ATTESTING OFFICIAL OR WITNESS, AND A PLACE FOR  
 19 RECORDING THE DATE THE ENVELOPE WAS SEALED AND WITNESSED].  
 20 The envelope with the voter's certificate must include a notice that false statements  
 21 made by the voter [OR BY THE ATTESTING OFFICIAL OR WITNESS] on the  
 22 certificate are punishable by law.

23 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 15.20.045 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 15.20.045. Designation of absentee voting officials and stations.** (a)  
 25 The director or election supervisor may designate persons to act as absentee voting  
 26 officials under AS 15.20.010 - 15.20.220 in areas where election supervisors do not  
 27 have offices. Magistrates may, with the approval of the administrative director of the  
 28 Alaska Court System, be designated under this section. At least **30** [15] days before  
 29 the election the director shall supply each absentee voting official with appropriate  
 30 ballots.

31 (b) The director may designate by regulation [ADOPTED UNDER AS 44.62

1 (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT)] locations at which **early** [ABSENTEE]  
 2 voting stations will be operated **for persons to vote absentee ballots** on or after the  
 3 **30th** [15TH] day before an election up to and including the date of the election. The  
 4 director shall supply **these** [ABSENTEE] voting stations with **absentee** ballots for all  
 5 house districts in the state and shall designate absentee voting officials to serve at **the**  
 6 [ABSENTEE] voting stations.

7 (c) In a municipality in which the division will not be operating an **early**  
 8 [ABSENTEE] voting station **under this section**, the director may designate the  
 9 municipal clerk as an absentee voting official for the limited purpose of distributing  
 10 absentee ballots to qualified voters under AS 15.20.061(a)(1) and qualified voters'  
 11 representatives under AS 15.20.072. At least **30** [15] days before the election, the  
 12 director shall supply municipal clerks designated under this subsection with absentee  
 13 ballots.

14 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 15.20.050 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 15.20.050. Requirement of full public notice.** The director shall give full  
 16 public notice of the dates and manner of voting absentee and may select any means of  
 17 communication permitted to be used in giving notice of the date and time of the  
 18 general election. The director shall give notice under this section of the location of  
 19 **early** [ABSENTEE] voting stations **designated under AS 15.20.045(b)** at least 45  
 20 days before each election.

21 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 15.20.061(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) A qualified voter may apply in person for an absentee ballot to the  
 23 following election officials at the times specified:

24 (1) to an absentee voting official on or after the **30th** [15TH] day  
 25 before an election up to and including the date of the election;

26 (2) to an election supervisor on or after the **30th** [15TH] day before an  
 27 election up to and including the date of the election;

28 (3) to an absentee voting official at an **early** [ABSENTEE] voting  
 29 station designated under AS 15.20.045(b) on or after the **30th** [15TH] day before an  
 30 election up to and including the date of the election;

31 (4) to an absentee voting official in the precinct in which no volunteers

1 can be located to serve on the election board on or after the **30th** [15TH] day before an  
 2 election up to and including election day.

3 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 15.20.064(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) For **30** [15] days before an election and on election day, a qualified voter  
 5 who meets the requirements set out in this section may vote in locations designated by  
 6 the director.

7 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 15.20.064 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (e) If a voter fails to satisfy the requirements of (b) of this section, the voter  
 9 shall be allowed to vote an absentee ballot in the manner provided in AS 15.20.061.

10 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 15.20.072(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) The voter may, through a representative, request a special needs ballot  
 12 from the following election officials at the times specified:

13 (1) from an absentee voting official on or after the **30th** [15TH] day  
 14 before an election, up to and including election day;

15 (2) from an election supervisor on or after the **30th** [15TH] day before  
 16 an election up to and including election day;

17 (3) from an absentee voting official at an **early** [ABSENTEE] voting  
 18 station designated under AS 15.20.045(b) on or after the **30th** [15TH] day before an  
 19 election up to and including the date of the election; or

20 (4) from a member of the precinct election board on election day.

21 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 15.20.081(d) is amended to read:

22 (d) Upon receipt of an absentee ballot by mail, the voter [, IN THE  
 23 PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC, COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE  
 24 ARMED FORCES INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD, DISTRICT JUDGE  
 25 OR MAGISTRATE, UNITED STATES POSTAL OFFICIAL, REGISTRATION  
 26 OFFICIAL, OR OTHER PERSON QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER OATHS,] may  
 27 proceed to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve, to place  
 28 the secrecy sleeve in the envelope provided, and to sign the voter's certificate on the  
 29 envelope. **The** [IN THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL LISTED IN THIS  
 30 SUBSECTION WHO SHALL SIGN AS ATTESTING OFFICIAL AND SHALL  
 31 DATE THE SIGNATURE. IF NONE OF THE OFFICIALS LISTED IN THIS

1 SUBSECTION IS REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE, AN ABSENTEE VOTER  
 2 SHALL SIGN THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN  
 3 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WHO SHALL SIGN AS  
 4 A WITNESS AND ATTEST TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE VOTER SIGNED  
 5 THE CERTIFICATE IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRESENCE, AND, IN ADDITION,  
 6 THE] voter shall certify, as prescribed in AS 09.63.020, under penalty of perjury, that  
 7 the statements in the voter's certification are true.

8 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 15.20.201(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) **Not** [NO] less than **10** [SEVEN] days preceding the day of election, the  
 10 election supervisor, in the presence and with the assistance of the district absentee  
 11 ballot counting board, shall **begin to** review all voter certificates **and envelopes** of  
 12 absentee ballots received by that date. The review of absentee ballots shall continue at  
 13 times designated by the election supervisor until completed. **An absentee ballot may**  
 14 **not be counted until the accompanying voter certificate has been reviewed.**

15 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 15.20.203(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) **The board shall reject an** [AN] absentee ballot [MAY NOT BE  
 17 COUNTED] if

18 (1) the voter has failed to properly **sign** [EXECUTE] the certificate;

19 (2) [AN OFFICIAL OR THE WITNESSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW  
 20 TO ATTEST THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE FAIL TO EXECUTE THE  
 21 CERTIFICATE, EXCEPT THAT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CAST IN PERSON  
 22 AND ACCEPTED BY AN ABSENTEE VOTING OFFICIAL OR ELECTION  
 23 SUPERVISOR MAY BE COUNTED DESPITE FAILURE OF THE ABSENTEE  
 24 VOTING OFFICIAL OR ELECTION SUPERVISOR TO PROPERLY SIGN AND  
 25 DATE THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE AS ATTESTING OFFICIAL AS REQUIRED  
 26 UNDER AS 15.20.061(c);

27 (3) THE BALLOT IS NOT ATTESTED ON OR BEFORE THE  
 28 DATE OF THE ELECTION;

29 (4) the ballot **envelope and certificate**, if **delivered by mail after the**  
 30 **day of the election** [POSTMARKED],

31 **(A)** is [NOT] postmarked **after** [ON OR BEFORE] the date of

1 the election; or

2 **(B) has a United States Postal Service tracking barcode or a**  
 3 **division of elections ballot tracking barcode verifying that the ballot was**  
 4 **mailed after the date of the election;**

5 **(3)** [(5)] after the day of election, the ballot was delivered by a means  
 6 other than mail; or

7 **(4)** [OR (6)] the voter voted

8 (A) in person and is a

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

16 (ii) voter other than one described in (i) of this  
 17 subparagraph, did not provide identification described in  
 18 AS 15.15.225(a), was not personally known by the election official,  
 19 and has not provided the identifiers required in AS 15.07.060(a)(2) and  
 20 (3); or

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

26 (i) driver's license, state identification card, current and  
 27 valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or hunting or  
 28 fishing license; or

29 (ii) current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,  
 30 government check, or other government document; an item described  
 31 in this sub-subparagraph must show the name and current address of

1 the voter.

2 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 15.20.220(b) is amended to read:

3 (b) The state review board shall review and count absentee ballots under  
4 AS 15.20.081(e) and (h), absentee ballots properly cured under AS 15.20.222, and  
5 questioned ballots that have been forwarded to the director and that have not been  
6 reviewed or counted by a district counting board.

7 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 15.20.222. Procedure for curing uncounted ballot.** (a) If a voter returns  
9 a ballot that is rejected because the certificate is missing a signature or the voter  
10 provided insufficient voter identification, the director shall immediately make a  
11 reasonable effort to contact the voter, explain the ballot deficiency, explain how the  
12 deficiency may be cured, and inform the voter of the deadline to cure the ballot. The  
13 director shall, within 24 hours, attempt to begin sending notices of deficiency by  
14 electronic mail to the voter's electronic mail address if the voter has provided an  
15 electronic mail address. If the voter has provided a telephone number, the director  
16 shall, within 24 hours, attempt to notify the voter of the deficiency by telephone call  
17 and text message. The director shall, within 48 hours and not later than five days after  
18 election day, send a notice of deficiency by first class, nonforwardable mail to the  
19 address on the voter's registration record.

20 (b) A notice of deficiency must include a form for the voter to confirm that the  
21 voter returned a ballot to the division and provide a copy of a form of identification  
22 accepted by the division under AS 15.15.225(a). The director shall provide a printed  
23 copy of the form with the notice of deficiency mailed to the voter. The director shall  
24 also make the form available in a format that can be completed and returned  
25 electronically.

26 (c) The rejected ballot of a voter who received a notice of deficiency may be  
27 counted only if

28 (1) the voter returns the form sent with the notice of deficiency, the  
29 division receives the form within 14 days after election day, and the form confirms  
30 that the voter returned a ballot to the division;

31 (2) the voter provides a signature and includes a copy of a form of

1 identification accepted by the division under AS 15.15.225(a); and

2 (3) the ballot is otherwise valid.

3 (d) The director shall, if applicable, send copies of the signature on the voter's  
4 return envelope and the signature stored in voter registration records to the attorney  
5 general for investigation if the voter returns the form and the form indicates that the  
6 voter did not return a ballot to the division.

7 \* **Sec. 23.** AS 15.56.030(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) For purposes of (a)(2) and (3) of this section, "other valuable thing"

9 (1) includes

10 (A) an entry in a game of chance in which a prize of money or  
11 other present or future pecuniary gain or advantage may be awarded to a  
12 participant wherein the total of the prizes offered is greater than \$2 per  
13 participant with a maximum of \$100; and

14 (B) government employment or benefits;

15 (2) does not include

16 (A) materials having a nominal value bearing the name,  
17 likeness, or other identification of a candidate, political party, political group,  
18 party district committee, or organization, or stating a position on a ballot  
19 proposition or question;

20 (B) food and refreshments provided incidental to an activity  
21 that is nonpartisan in nature and directed at encouraging persons to vote, or  
22 incidental to a gathering in support of or in opposition to a candidate, political  
23 party, political group, party district committee, organization, or ballot question  
24 or proposition;

25 (C) care of the voter's dependents provided in connection with  
26 the absence of a voter from home for the purpose of voting;

27 (D) services provided by a person acting as a representative  
28 under AS 15.20.072;

29 (E) services provided by an election official as defined in  
30 AS 15.80.010; [AND]

31 (F) transportation of a voter to or from the polls without

1 charge; and

2 (G) postage-paid return envelopes required in

3 AS 15.20.030.

4 \* **Sec. 24.** AS 15.58.030(h) is amended to read:

5 (h) The lieutenant governor shall prepare and publish on the division's Internet  
6 website the photograph and statement of a candidate for an office designated under  
7 (a), (b), or (g) of this section. The lieutenant governor shall indicate that the  
8 photograph and statement are provided and paid for by the candidate. A photograph  
9 and a statement of a candidate that have been timely filed with the lieutenant governor  
10 shall be published on the website at least **30** [15] days before an election at which the  
11 candidate will appear on the ballot.

12 \* **Sec. 25.** AS 29.20.380(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) The municipal clerk may act as an absentee voting official under  
14 AS 15.20.045(c) for the limited purpose of distributing absentee ballots to qualified  
15 voters or qualified voters' representatives under AS 15.20.072 in a municipality in  
16 which the division of elections will not be operating an **early** [ABSENTEE] voting  
17 station under AS 15.20.045(b).

18 \* **Sec. 26.** AS 29.26.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (d) Except as a municipality may require for elections held only in specific  
20 local election districts or service areas under (b) of this section, a person who has lived  
21 within the municipality for at least 30 days, but who has not registered to vote in state  
22 elections at a residence address within the municipality at least 30 days before a  
23 municipal election, may vote only an absentee, special needs, or questioned ballot in  
24 that election. The municipality may not reject the absentee, special needs, or  
25 questioned ballot of a qualified voter who registers within 30 days before or on the day  
26 of an election on the grounds that the voter is not on the official registration list for the  
27 election.

28 \* **Sec. 27.** AS 29.26.050(a)(3) is repealed.

29 \* **Sec. 28.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
30 read:

31 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 15.56.030(d), as amended by sec. 23 of this Act, applies to

- 1 offenses committed on or after the effective date of sec. 23 of this Act.
- 2 \* **Sec. 29.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.