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BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter
2 registration; relating to election administration; relating to campaign contributions;
3 relating to write-in candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States;
4 relating to the crimes of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree, unlawful
5 interference with an election, and election official misconduct; relating to voter
6 registration on permanent fund dividend applications; relating to the duties of the
7 commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * **Section 1.** AS 15.07.060(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) Each applicant who requests registration in person before a registration
11 official shall exhibit one form of identification to the official, including a driver's
12 license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth
13 certificate, passport, or identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe

1 [HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE]. A registration official who knows the identity
2 of the applicant may waive the identification requirement.

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.060(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) For an applicant requesting initial registration by mail, by facsimile or
5 other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050, or by
6 completing a permanent fund dividend application, the director shall verify the
7 information provided in compliance with (a)(2) and (3) of this section through state
8 agency records described in AS 15.07.055(e). If the applicant cannot comply with the
9 requirement of (a)(2) of this section because the applicant has not been issued any of
10 the listed numbers, the applicant may instead submit a copy of one of the following
11 forms of identification: a driver's license, state identification card, current and valid
12 photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or **identification card issued by a**
13 **federally recognized tribe** [HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE].

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.070 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

15 (n) The division may use information provided by the Department of Revenue
16 under AS 43.23.015 and 43.23.101 only to register a voter and conduct voter roll
17 maintenance. Except as provided in AS 15.07.195(c), the division may not disclose
18 confidential information obtained from the Department of Revenue.

19 (o) The division, in cooperation with the Department of Revenue, shall submit
20 an annual report to the governor and to the senate secretary and chief clerk of the
21 house of representatives on or before the first day of each regular session of the
22 legislature and notify the legislature that the report is available. The report shall detail

23 (1) the number of permanent fund dividend applicant records shared
24 with the division during the previous year;

25 (2) the effect that shared permanent fund dividend applications had on
26 voter roll maintenance under (n) of this section and on election integrity; and

27 (3) security measures taken to protect voter information.

28 (p) In this section, "voter roll maintenance" includes confirming the residency
29 of a registered voter, identifying duplicate registrations, detecting voters who have
30 moved, and detecting voters who are ineligible to vote under AS 15.05.

31 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.130(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) Periodically, at times of the director's choosing, but **not** [NO] less
 2 frequently than in January of each calendar year, the director shall examine the master
 3 register maintained under AS 15.07.120 and shall send, by **forwardable**
 4 [NONFORWARDABLE] mail to the voter's registration mailing address, **and to the**
 5 **voter's electronic mail address, if available**, a notice requesting address
 6 confirmation or correction. **The notice must explain that the voter's registration**
 7 **will be inactivated unless the voter responds to the notice within 45 days after the**
 8 **date the notice is sent. The director shall send the notice** to each voter

9 (1) whose mail from the division has been returned to the division in
 10 the two years immediately preceding the examination of the register;

11 (2) who has not contacted the division in the two years immediately
 12 preceding the examination of the register **and** [; OR (3)] who has not voted or
 13 appeared to vote in the **28 months** [TWO GENERAL ELECTIONS] immediately
 14 preceding the examination of the register; **or**

15 **(3) who the division has learned, after registering to vote in this**
 16 **state and during the 28 months immediately preceding the examination of the**
 17 **register, has**

18 **(A) registered to vote in another state;**

19 **(B) received a driver's license from another state;**

20 **(C) registered a vehicle in another state;**

21 **(D) received public assistance from another state;**

22 **(E) served on a jury in another state;**

23 **(F) received a homestead or residential property tax**
 24 **exemption in another state; or**

25 **(G) received a benefit available only to residents of another**
 26 **state.**

27 * **Sec. 5.** AS 15.07.130(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) If a registered voter **does** [HAS] not **respond to a notice sent under (a) of**
 29 **this section within 45 days after the date the notice is sent, the director shall**
 30 **inactivate the voter's registration** [, WITHIN THE PRECEDING FOUR
 31 CALENDAR YEARS, CONTACTED THE DIVISION AND HAS NEITHER

1 VOTED NOR APPEARED TO VOTE IN A LOCAL, REGIONAL SCHOOL
 2 BOARD, PRIMARY, SPECIAL, OR GENERAL ELECTION DURING THE LAST
 3 FOUR CALENDAR YEARS AND A NOTICE SENT TO THE VOTER UNDER (a)
 4 OF THIS SECTION WAS RETURNED AS UNDELIVERABLE, THE VOTER
 5 SHALL BE ADVISED BY A NOTICE SENT BY FORWARDABLE MAIL TO THE
 6 VOTER'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS THAT REGISTRATION WILL BE
 7 INACTIVATED UNLESS THE VOTER RESPONDS TO THE NOTICE NO
 8 LATER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE SENT UNDER
 9 THIS SECTION]. The director shall maintain on the master register the name of a
 10 voter whose registration is inactivated. The director shall cancel a voter's inactive
 11 registration in accordance with the procedures set out in 52 U.S.C. 20507 [42 U.S.C.
 12 1973gg-6 (SEC. 8, NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1993)] after the
 13 second general election that occurs after the registration becomes inactive if the voter
 14 does not contact the division or vote or appear to vote.

15 * **Sec. 6.** AS 15.07.130(d) is amended to read:

16 (d) The notice sent under (a) [(b)] of this section must include a postage
 17 prepaid and pre-addressed return card on which the voter may state the voter's current
 18 address. The notice must indicate

19 (1) that the voter should return the card not later than 45 days after the
 20 date of the notice if the voter did not change residence;

21 (2) that failure to return the card by the 45-day deadline could result in
 22 removal of the voter's name from the official registration list for a subsequent election;

23 (3) that the voter's registration will be cancelled if the voter does not
 24 contact the division during, or vote or appear to vote in an election held during, the
 25 period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the last day of
 26 the 34th month [FOURTH CALENDAR YEAR] that occurs after the date of notice;
 27 and

28 (4) how the voter can continue to be eligible to vote if the voter has
 29 changed residence.

30 * **Sec. 7.** AS 15.07.130(f) is amended to read:

31 (f) For the purpose of this section, a voter "contacts" the division if the voter

1 notifies the division of a change of address, responds to a notice sent under this
 2 section, signs a petition for a ballot measure, requests a new voter registration card, or
 3 otherwise communicates with the division other than to vote or register to vote. **An**
 4 **individual does not "contact" the division by applying for a permanent fund**
 5 **dividend, unless the application for a permanent fund dividend is the voter's**
 6 **initial registration.**

7 * **Sec. 8.** AS 15.07.130 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

8 (g) The division shall adopt regulations to review voter registration records
 9 and update the master register. The regulations must include reviews for deceased
 10 voters, persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, persons not qualified
 11 to vote under AS 15.05, persons registered to vote in another state, whether the
 12 number of registered voters on the master register exceeds the number of eligible
 13 voters in the state, and voter registration information data breaches. In conducting
 14 these reviews, the division shall, to the extent possible, gather and examine available
 15 data from other states and information from the United States Postal Service
 16 forwarding databases, one or more systems for verifying citizenship, motor vehicle
 17 records, Department of Corrections records, property and sales tax records, United
 18 States Social Security Administration databases, jury duty records, National Change of
 19 Address records, and similar records. The division shall also review evidence that a
 20 person has undertaken the following activities in another state:

- 21 (1) registered to vote;
- 22 (2) obtained a driver's license;
- 23 (3) registered a vehicle;
- 24 (4) received public assistance;
- 25 (5) served on a jury in another state; or
- 26 (6) received a benefit available only to residents of another state.

27 (h) In performing its review under (g) of this section, the division may not
 28 transmit information made confidential under AS 15.07.195 to a person,
 29 nongovernmental organization, or government agency outside the division unless

- 30 (1) the information is encrypted; and
- 31 (2) the person, nongovernmental organization, or government agency

1 receiving the information

2 (A) uses the information only to assist the division in carrying
3 out (g) of this section;

4 (B) agrees that the person, nongovernmental organization, or
5 government agency will not retain the information after assisting the division;
6 and

7 (C) agrees that the person, nongovernmental organization, or
8 government agency will not transmit the information to another person,
9 nongovernmental organization, government agency, or other entity.

10 (i) The division shall, in consultation with an external, nationally recognized
11 subject-matter expert selected by the division, annually audit the master register. The
12 division shall consider the subject-matter expert's recommendations. By April 1 of
13 each year, the division shall publish a report describing the most recent audit and
14 accounting for the criteria reviewed under (g) of this section. The report must include
15 the expert's recommendations, identify protocols used under (g) of this section,
16 provide election information including the number of voters on the master register and
17 the total population eligible to vote, and highlight voting data problems, irregularities,
18 errors, and vulnerabilities identified in the audit. The division shall submit the report
19 to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the
20 legislature that the report is available on or before the date the report is published.

21 (j) If the division reasonably determines that a voter is away from the state for
22 a reason permissible under AS 15.05.011 or another state or federal law related to
23 voting in elections, the division is not required to send a notice to the voter under
24 (a)(3) of this section.

25 (k) In addition to a notice or response required under this section, at any time
26 the division may contact a voter to obtain or a voter may contact the division to
27 provide information to determine the voter's residence.

28 * **Sec. 9.** AS 15.07.195 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

29 (e) The director shall publish on the division's Internet website notice of the
30 nature and severity of a data breach of information made confidential by this section
31 and report the details of the breach to the president of the senate and the speaker of the

1 house of representatives

2 (1) before the day of an election, if the data breach happens or is
3 discovered within 14 days before an election;

4 (2) before certifying the results of an election, if the data breach
5 happens or is discovered on or after the day of the election but before certification of
6 the election results; or

7 (3) within 30 days after the data breach, if the data breach happens or
8 is discovered 14 or more days before an election or after the certification of the
9 election results.

10 (f) Notwithstanding (e) of this section, the director may delay publishing
11 notice of a data breach if a law enforcement agency investigating the data breach
12 informs the director that disclosure of the data breach would compromise an ongoing
13 investigation into the data breach.

14 * **Sec. 10.** AS 15.10.105 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (c) The director shall employ a rural community liaison. The rural community
16 liaison shall collaborate with tribes and municipalities to facilitate access in rural areas
17 of the state to absentee voting and, where it is available, early voting and ensure that
18 precincts in rural areas of the state are adequately staffed.

19 * **Sec. 11.** AS 15.13.400(19) is amended to read:

20 (19) "true source" means,

21 **(A) for a contribution made for the purpose of influencing a**
22 **ballot proposition or question, the person or legal entity that makes the**
23 **contribution or independent expenditure to support or oppose the**
24 **proposition or question; or**

25 **(B) for a contribution made for the purpose of influencing**
26 **the nomination or election of a candidate,**

27 **(i)** the person or legal entity whose contribution is
28 funded from wages, investment income, inheritance, or revenue
29 generated from selling goods or services;

30 **(ii)** a person or legal entity who **derives** [DERIVED]
31 funds via contributions, donations, dues, or gifts is not the true source

1 [.] but is [RATHER] an intermediary for the true source except that,
 2 for a contribution from [; NOTWITHSTANDING THE
 3 FOREGOING, TO THE EXTENT] a membership organization that
 4 receives dues or contributions of less than \$2,000 per person per year,
 5 the organization itself is [SHALL BE CONSIDERED] the true source.

6 * **Sec. 12.** 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
 24 group, the party affiliation, if any, may be designated after the name of the candidate,
 25 upon request of the candidate. If a candidate has requested designation as nonpartisan
 26 or undeclared, that designation shall be placed after the name of the candidate. If a
 27 candidate is not registered as affiliated with a political party or political group and has
 28 not requested to be designated as nonpartisan or undeclared, the candidate shall be
 29 designated as undeclared. The lieutenant governor and the governor shall be included
 30 under the same section. Provision shall be made for voting for write-in candidates
 31 within each section. Paper ballots for the state general election shall be printed on

1 white paper.

2 (6) The names of the candidates for each office shall be set out in the
3 same order on ballots printed for use in each house district. The director shall
4 randomly determine the order of the names of the candidates for state representative
5 for each house district. The director shall rotate the order of placement of the names of
6 candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator, United States
7 representative, and state senator on the ballot for each house district.

8 (7) The general election ballot shall be designed with the names of
9 candidates of each political party, and of any independent candidates qualified under
10 AS 15.30.026, for the office of President and Vice-President of the United States
11 placed in the same section on the ballot rather than the names of electors of President
12 and Vice-President. **Provision shall be made for voting for write-in candidates for**
13 **President and Vice-President.**

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

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

24 (10) A nonpartisan ballot shall be designed for each judicial district in
25 which a justice or judge is seeking retention in office. The ballot shall be divided into
26 four parts. Each part must bear a heading indicating the court to which the candidate is
27 seeking approval, and provision shall be made for marking each question "Yes" or
28 "No." Within each part, the question of whether the justice or judge shall be approved
29 or rejected shall be set out in substantially the following manner:

30 (A) "Shall be retained as justice of the supreme court for
31 10 years?";

1 (B) "Shall be retained as judge of the court of appeals for
2 eight years?";

3 (C) "Shall be retained as judge of the superior court for six
4 years?"; or

5 (D) "Shall be retained as judge of the district court for four
6 years?"

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

19 "Bonds..... Yes" or "Bonds..... No,"

20 followed by an appropriate oval.

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

23 (13) The director may provide for voting by use of electronically
24 generated ballots by a voter who requests to use a machine that produces electronically
25 generated ballots.

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

27 A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that
28 the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political
29 party or group or that the party or group approves of or
30 associates with that candidate, but only that the
31 candidate is registered as affiliated with the political

1 party or political group.

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

5 A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that
6 the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political
7 party or political group or that the political party or
8 political group approves of or associates with that
9 candidate, but only that the candidate is registered as
10 affiliated with the party or group. The election for
11 President and Vice-President of the United States is
12 different. Some candidates for President and Vice-
13 President are the official nominees of their political
14 party.

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

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

21 * **Sec. 13.** AS 15.15.060(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) Immediately following the appointment of the election board, the election
23 supervisor in conjunction with the election board chair shall secure polling places for
24 holding the election, suitable ballot boxes that will ensure [ASSURE] security, and an
25 adequate number of voting booths or screens, national flags, pens, and pencils. At
26 every polling place, at least one voting booth shall be furnished and not less than one
27 voting booth or screen shall be furnished for each 100 votes or fractional part of 100
28 votes cast in the previous election. [AT EVERY POLLING PLACE, AT LEAST
29 ONE-HALF OF THE VOTING BOOTHS USED SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN SIX
30 FEET IN HEIGHT, ENCLOSED ON THREE SIDES, AND PROVIDED WITH A
31 CURTAIN EXTENDING FROM THE TOP OF THE VOTING BOOTH TO

1 WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 30 INCHES OF THE FLOOR. THE CURTAIN OF
 2 THE VOTING BOOTH MUST CONCEAL THE VOTER WHILE VOTING.] The
 3 election supervisor and the election board chair may, in an emergency, secure an
 4 alternate location for a polling place.

5 * **Sec. 14.** AS 15.15.060(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) To **ensure** [ASSURE] administrative economy and to protect the secrecy
 7 of the ballot, the director may adopt regulations prescribing

8 (1) the type of polling place for holding the election;

9 (2) the requirements regarding ballot boxes, voting screens, national
 10 flags, and other supplies; and

11 (3) [SUBJECT TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF (a) OF THIS
 12 SECTION,] the requirements regarding voting booths.

13 * **Sec. 15.** AS 15.15.225(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) Before being allowed to vote, each voter shall exhibit to an election official
 15 one form of identification, including

16 [(1)] an official voter registration card, driver's license, state
 17 identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or
 18 **identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe** [HUNTING OR
 19 FISHING LICENSE; OR

20 (2) AN ORIGINAL OR A COPY OF A CURRENT UTILITY BILL,
 21 BANK STATEMENT, PAYCHECK, GOVERNMENT CHECK, OR OTHER
 22 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT; AN ITEM EXHIBITED UNDER THIS
 23 PARAGRAPH MUST SHOW THE NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF THE
 24 VOTER].

25 * **Sec. 16.** AS 15.15.360(d) is amended to read:

26 (d) Write-in votes shall be counted according to the following rules:

27 (1) writing in the name of a candidate whose name is printed on the
 28 ballot does not invalidate a write-in vote unless the director determines, on the basis of
 29 other evidence, that the ballot was so marked for the purpose of identifying the ballot;

30 (2) in order to vote for a write-in candidate, the voter must write in the
 31 candidate's name in the space provided and fill in the oval opposite the candidate's

1 name in accordance with (a)(1) of this section;

2 (3) a vote for a write-in candidate, other than a write-in vote for
3 governor and lieutenant governor **or for President and Vice-President of the United**
4 **States**, shall be counted if the oval is filled in for that candidate and if the name of the
5 candidate, as it appears on the write-in declaration of candidacy, or the last name of
6 the candidate is written in the space provided;

7 (4) if the write-in vote is for governor and lieutenant governor, the vote
8 shall be counted if the oval is filled in and the names of the candidates for governor
9 and lieutenant governor, as they appear on the write-in declaration of candidacy, or the
10 last names of the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, or the name of the
11 candidate for governor, as it appears on the write-in declaration of candidacy, or the
12 last name of the candidate for governor is written in the space provided;

13 (5) **if the write-in vote is for President and Vice-President of the**
14 **United States, the vote shall be counted if the oval is filled in and the names of the**
15 **candidates for President and Vice-President, as they appear on the write-in**
16 **declaration of candidacy, or the last names of the candidates for President and**
17 **Vice-President, or the name of the candidate for President, as it appears on the**
18 **write-in declaration of candidacy, or the last name of the candidate for President**
19 **is written in the space provided;**

20 (6) in counting votes for a write-in candidate, the director shall
21 disregard any abbreviation, misspelling, or other minor variation in the form of the
22 name of a candidate if the intention of the voter can be ascertained.

23 * **Sec. 17.** AS 15.15.370 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

24 (b) Each day that the director releases unofficial totals of election results for a
25 general election, the director shall also

26 (1) release an updated tabulation;

27 (2) identify the precincts that have been counted;

28 (3) identify the days on which absentee ballots have been logged and
29 counted, including a summary of the count codes used on ballots in each district each
30 day;

31 (4) identify the districts in which early votes were cast and the days on

1 which votes were cast in each district; and

2 (5) identify the precincts and count codes of questioned ballots that
3 have been counted.

4 (c) Each day that an absentee ballot is reviewed under AS 15.20.201 or a
5 questioned ballot is reviewed under AS 15.20.207, the director shall display on the
6 division's Internet website an updated unofficial total detailing the number of absentee
7 ballots and questioned ballots counted for each count code.

8 (d) In this section, "count code" means a code assigned to a ballot by the
9 division that designates the races in which the ballot is to be counted during a district
10 absentee ballot counting review conducted under AS 15.20.203 or a district questioned
11 ballot review conducted under AS 15.20.207.

12 * **Sec. 18.** AS 15.15.380 is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 15.15.380. Payment of election board members.** The director shall pay
14 each election board member for time spent at election duties, including the receiving
15 of instructions. Election board chairpersons and the chairperson and members of the
16 absentee ballot, questioned ballot, and state ballot counting review boards shall be
17 paid for time spent at their election duties. The director shall set the compensation to
18 be paid under this section [BY REGULATION].

19 * **Sec. 19.** AS 15.20.030 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 15.20.030. Preparation of ballots, envelopes, and other material.** The
21 director shall provide ballots for use as absentee ballots in all districts. The director
22 shall provide a secrecy sleeve in which the voter shall initially place the marked ballot
23 [.] and shall provide a postage-paid return [AN] envelope with the prescribed voter's
24 certificate on it, in which the secrecy sleeve with ballot enclosed shall be placed. The
25 director shall prescribe the form of and prepare the voter's certificate, envelopes, and
26 other material used in absentee voting. The voter's certificate shall include a
27 declaration, for use when required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all respects, a
28 blank for the voter's signature, a certification that the affiant properly executed the
29 marking of the ballot and gave the voter's identity, blanks for the attesting official or
30 witness, and a place for recording the date the envelope was sealed and witnessed. The
31 envelope with the voter's certificate may not identify a voter's party affiliation but

1 must include a notice that false statements made by the voter or by the attesting
2 official or witness on the certificate are punishable by law.

3 * **Sec. 20.** AS 15.20.081(f) is amended to read:

4 (f) The director shall require a voter casting an absentee ballot by mail to
5 provide proof of identification or other information to aid in the establishment of the
6 voter's identity as prescribed by regulations adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative
7 Procedure Act). If the voter is a first-time voter who initially registered by mail or by
8 facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director under
9 AS 15.07.050 and has not met the identification requirements set out in AS 15.07.060,
10 the voter must provide one of the following forms of proof of identification:

11 [(1)] a copy of a driver's license, state identification card, current and
12 valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or **identification card issued by**
13 **a federally recognized tribe** [HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE; OR

14 (2) A COPY OF A CURRENT UTILITY BILL, BANK
15 STATEMENT, PAYCHECK, GOVERNMENT CHECK, OR OTHER
16 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT; AN ITEM PROVIDED UNDER THIS
17 PARAGRAPH MUST SHOW THE NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF THE
18 VOTER].

19 * **Sec. 21.** AS 15.20.081(h) is amended to read:

20 (h) Except as provided in AS 15.20.480, an absentee ballot returned by mail
21 from outside the United States or from an overseas voter qualifying under
22 AS 15.05.011 that has been marked and mailed not later than election day may not be
23 counted unless the ballot is received by the election supervisor not later than the close
24 of business on the

25 [(1)] 10th day following **the** [A PRIMARY] election [OR SPECIAL
26 PRIMARY ELECTION UNDER AS 15.40.140; OR

27 (2) 15TH DAY FOLLOWING A GENERAL ELECTION OR
28 SPECIAL ELECTION, OTHER THAN A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
29 DESCRIBED IN (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION].

30 * **Sec. 22.** AS 15.20.170 is amended to read:

31 **Sec. 15.20.170. Disposition of ballots.** Each absentee voting official shall

1 transmit the dated envelopes containing the marked ballots by the most expeditious
 2 mail service to the election supervisor for the district. Upon receipt of the absentee
 3 ballots, the election supervisor shall stamp on the envelope the date on which the
 4 ballot is received. **In this section, "mail service" includes delivery by optical**
 5 **scanning and electronic transmission.**

6 * **Sec. 23.** AS 15.20.201(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) **Not** [NO] less than **12** [SEVEN] days preceding the day of election, the
 8 election supervisor, in the presence and with the assistance of the district absentee
 9 ballot counting board, shall review all voter certificates of absentee ballots received by
 10 that date. The review of absentee ballots shall continue at times designated by the
 11 election supervisor until completed.

12 * **Sec. 24.** 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
 24 than mail; or

25 (6) the voter voted

26 (A) in person and is a

27 (i) first-time voter who initially registered by mail or by
 28 facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director
 29 under AS 15.07.050, has not provided the identification required by
 30 AS 15.15.225(a), was not eligible for waiver of the identification
 31 requirement under AS 15.15.225(b), and has not provided the

1 identifiers required in AS 15.07.060(a)(2) and (3) that can be verified
2 through state agency records described in AS 15.07.055(e); or

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

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

13 (i) driver's license, state identification card, current and
14 valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or **identification**
15 **card issued by a federally recognized tribe** [HUNTING OR
16 FISHING LICENSE; OR

17 (ii) CURRENT UTILITY BILL, BANK
18 STATEMENT, PAYCHECK, GOVERNMENT CHECK, OR OTHER
19 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT; AN ITEM DESCRIBED IN THIS
20 SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH MUST SHOW THE NAME AND
21 CURRENT ADDRESS OF THE VOTER].

22 * **Sec. 25.** AS 15.20.207(b) is amended to read:

23 (b) A questioned ballot may not be counted if the voter

24 (1) has failed to properly execute the certificate;

25 (2) is a first-time voter who initially registered by mail or by facsimile
26 or other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050, has not
27 provided the identification required by AS 15.15.225(a) **or 52 U.S.C. 21083(b)(2)(A)**,
28 was not eligible for waiver of the identification requirement under AS 15.15.225(b),
29 and has not provided the identifiers required in AS 15.07.060(a)(2) and (3) that can be
30 verified through state agency records described in AS 15.07.055(e); or

31 (3) is a voter other than one described in (2) of this subsection, did not

1 provide identification described in AS 15.15.225(a), was not personally known by the
 2 election official, and has not provided the identifiers required in AS 15.07.060(a)(2)
 3 and (3).

4 * **Sec. 26.** AS 15.20.220(b) is amended to read:

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

9 * **Sec. 27.** AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 **Sec. 15.20.221. Ballot-tracking system.** (a) The director shall establish an
 11 online ballot-tracking system. If the director procures the system from a third party,
 12 the third party must be a corporation that is incorporated in the United States. The
 13 system must be designed to allow a voter to easily use the system through a mobile
 14 electronic device. The system must allow a voter to

- 15 (1) confirm that the voter's ballot has been sent by the division;
- 16 (2) track the date of the ballot's delivery to the voter;
- 17 (3) confirm the division's receipt of the voter's ballot;
- 18 (4) determine whether the voter's ballot has been counted; and
- 19 (5) provide the information necessary to cure a rejected ballot.

20 (b) The online ballot-tracking system must

- 21 (1) use multi-factor authentication to verify a voter's identity; and
- 22 (2) indicate to a voter

23 (A) the process by which the voter may cure the lack of
 24 signature or verify the voter's identity, if the signature on the voter's ballot was
 25 missing; and

26 (B) the reason the voter's ballot was not counted, if the ballot
 27 was not counted.

28 (c) The division may not charge a voter a fee to use the online ballot-tracking
 29 system.

30 * **Sec. 28.** AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

31 **Sec. 15.20.222. Procedure for curing uncounted ballot.** (a) If a voter's ballot

1 is rejected because the certificate is missing a voter's signature or the signature of an
2 attesting official or witness or the voter provided insufficient voter identification, the
3 director shall immediately make a reasonable effort to contact the voter, explain the
4 ballot deficiency, explain that the deficiency may be cured under this section, and
5 inform the voter of the deadline to cure the ballot. The director shall, within 24 hours,
6 send a notice of deficiency by electronic mail to the voter's electronic mail address if
7 the voter has provided an electronic mail address. If the voter has provided a telephone
8 number, the director shall, within 24 hours, attempt to notify the voter of the
9 deficiency by telephone call and text message. The director shall, within 48 hours, but
10 not later than five days after election day, send a notice of deficiency by first class,
11 nonforwardable mail to the address provided on the voter's absentee ballot application
12 or, if no address was provided on the voter's absentee ballot application, to the mailing
13 address in the voter's registration record.

14 (b) A notice of deficiency must include a form for the voter to confirm that the
15 voter returned a ballot to the division, provide a copy of a form of identification
16 accepted by the division under AS 15.15.225(a), and provide a signature. The director
17 shall provide a printed copy of the form with the notice of deficiency mailed to the
18 voter. The director shall also make the form available in a format that can be
19 completed and returned electronically.

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

22 (1) the voter returns the completed form sent with the notice of
23 deficiency, the division receives the form within 10 days after election day, and the
24 form confirms that the voter returned a ballot to the division;

25 (2) the voter signs the form sent with the notice of deficiency and
26 includes a copy of a form of identification accepted by the division under
27 AS 15.15.225(a); and

28 (3) the ballot is otherwise valid.

29 (d) A voter's rejected ballot may not be counted and the director shall, if
30 applicable, send copies of the signature on the voter's return envelope to the attorney
31 general for investigation if the voter returns the form and the form indicates that the

1 voter did not return a ballot to the division.

2 * **Sec. 29.** AS 15.25.105 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3 (d) A write-in candidate running for the office of President of the United
4 States must file a letter with the director certifying the information required under
5 AS 15.30.026(b).

6 * **Sec. 30.** AS 15.56.030(d) is amended to read:

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

8 (1) includes

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

13 (B) government employment or benefits;

14 (2) does not include

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

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

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

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

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

30 (F) transportation of a voter to or from the polls without
31 charge; **and**

(G) postage-paid return envelopes required in**AS 15.20.030.**

* **Sec. 31.** AS 15.56.060(a) is amended to read:

(a) A person commits the crime of unlawful interference with an election if the person

(1) induces or attempts to induce an election official to fail in the official's duty by force, threat, intimidation, or offers of reward;

(2) intentionally changes, attempts to change, or causes to be changed an official election document including ballots, tallies, and returns;

(3) intentionally delays, attempts to delay, or causes to be delayed the sending of the certificate, register, ballots, or other materials whether original or duplicate, required to be sent by AS 15.15.370; [OR]

(4) is contracted or employed by the state to print or reproduce in any manner an official ballot, and the person knowingly

(A) personally appropriates, or gives or delivers to, or permits to be taken by anyone other than a person authorized by the director, official ballots; or

(B) prints or reproduces or has printed or reproduced official ballots in a form or with a content other than that prescribed by law or as directed by the director;

(5) intentionally opens or tampers with a signed absentee ballot certificate, sealed absentee ballot envelope, or package of ballots without express authorization from the director; or

(6) intentionally breaches, hacks, alters, or tampers with election machinery, including a tabulator, a program, a system, a server, or software used to verify identity, count or tabulate, or manage or control an election function.

* **Sec. 32.** AS 15.56.070(a) is amended to read:

(a) A person commits the crime of election official misconduct in the first degree if, while an election official, the person

(1) intentionally fails to perform an election duty or knowingly does an unauthorized act with the intent to affect an election or its results;

1 (2) knowingly permits or makes or attempts to make a false count of
2 election returns; [OR]

3 (3) intentionally conceals, withholds, destroys, or attempts to conceal,
4 withhold, or destroy election returns; **or**

5 **(4) knowingly discloses, shares, or reports to a person who is not**
6 **an election official election results, returns, or any confidential election data**
7 **before the polls close on election day.**

8 * **Sec. 33.** AS 43.23.101 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 43.23.101. Voter registration.** **Each month, the** [THE] commissioner
10 shall [ESTABLISH BY RULE A SCHEDULE BY WHICH THE COMMISSIONER
11 WILL PROVIDE, AND SHALL] provide [AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE] the
12 director of elections with **the following information for each permanent fund**
13 **dividend applicant:**

14 (1) **the** electronic **record** [RECORDS FROM THE PERMANENT
15 FUND DIVIDEND APPLICATIONS] of the information required by
16 AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9) [,] and the attestation that **the** [SUCH]
17 information is true [,] for each permanent fund dividend applicant who

18 (A) is a citizen of the United States; and

19 (B) is at least 18 years of age or will be within 90 days of the
20 date of the application; [AND]

21 (2) the **applicant's mailing address; and**

22 **(3) whether the applicant has claimed residency in another state**
23 [ADDRESSES FOR ALL PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND APPLICANTS].

24 * **Sec. 34.** AS 43.23.101 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

25 (b) The commissioner shall develop security protocols that ensure data
26 required to be stored or transferred under this section is securely stored or transferred.

27 (c) In cooperation with the division of elections under AS 15.07.070(o), the
28 commissioner shall submit an annual report to the governor and to the senate secretary
29 and chief clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first day of each
30 regular session of the legislature and notify the legislature that the report is available.

31 * **Sec. 35.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The division of elections shall provide a report
3 to the legislature by the first day of the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Fifth Alaska State
4 Legislature recommending options for expanding early voting in rural communities and low-
5 income neighborhoods. The division shall deliver the report to the senate secretary and the
6 chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is
7 available. In this section,

8 (1) "low-income neighborhood" means a neighborhood where the median
9 family income is below 80 percent of the statewide median family income;

10 (2) "rural community" means a community with a population of 7,500 or less
11 that is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks or a community with a
12 population of 3,500 or less that is connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks.

13 * **Sec. 36.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
14 read:

15 APPLICABILITY. (a) AS 15.56.030(d), as amended by sec. 30 of this Act,
16 AS 15.56.060(a), as amended by sec. 31 of this Act, and AS 15.56.070(a), as amended by sec.
17 32 of this Act, apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of secs. 30 - 32 of
18 this Act.

19 (b) Notwithstanding the amendment and enactment of laws in secs. 1 - 10, 12 - 25,
20 and 29 - 38 of this Act, the division of elections shall administer an election of regional school
21 board members occurring in October 2026 as provided in AS 15 as that title read on the day
22 before the effective date of secs. 1 - 10, 12 - 25, and 29 - 38 of this Act.

23 * **Sec. 37.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
24 read:

25 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The division of elections may adopt regulations
26 necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect under
27 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law
28 implemented by the regulation.

29 * **Sec. 38.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
30 read:

31 TRANSITION: PROCUREMENT. The division of elections may, under AS 36.30

1 (State Procurement Code), procure equipment, supplies, services, and professional services
2 necessary to implement the changes made by this Act.

3 * **Sec. 39.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
4 read:

5 CONDITIONAL EFFECT. (a) AS 15.20.221, enacted by sec. 27 of this Act, takes
6 effect only if AS 15.20.222, enacted by sec. 28 of this Act, takes effect.

7 (b) AS 15.20.222, enacted by sec. 28 of this Act, takes effect only if AS 15.20.221,
8 enacted by sec. 27 of this Act, takes effect.

9 * **Sec. 40.** Section 11 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2027.

10 * **Sec. 41.** Sections 26 - 28 and 39 of this Act take effect September 19, 2026.

11 * **Sec. 42.** Except as provided in secs. 40 and 41 of this Act, this Act takes effect
12 immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).