

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MISS PRIOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for popular election of
7 national and precinct committeemen and
8 committeewoman for the major political
9 parties; and amending Sections 38-4-2
10 and 38-4-4 ACCLA 1949."

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

12 Section 1. OFFICES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN AND COMMITTEE-

13 WOMEN. At the primary election to be held in 1956, and at each
14 such election every four years thereafter, each political party
15 shall elect its national committeeman and its national
16 committeewoman. A candidate for such office shall file his

17 declaration of candidacy in the form required by law for candi-
18 dates for elective Territorial offices. The candidate for
19 national committeeman and the candidate for national committee-

20 woman for each political party who shall receive the highest
21 number of votes shall thereby be elected and shall hold office

22 for four years and until his successor is elected and qualified.
23 In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise,
24 such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the

25 Territorial Central Committee of the party in which such office
26 is vacant.

27 Section 2. OFFICES OF PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN AND

28 COMMITTEEWOMEN. At the primary election to be held in 1954,
29 and at each such election every two years thereafter, each
30 political party shall elect its precinct committeeman and its precinct
31 committeewoman. A candidate for such office shall file his

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1 ~~political party shall elect its precinct committeeman and~~
2 ~~precinct committeewoman for each voting precinct in the~~
3 Territory. A candidate for such office shall be a registered
4 voter in the precinct for which he seeks the office of precinct
5 committeeman or committeewoman and shall file his declaration of
6 candidacy in the form required by law for candidates for
7 elective Territorial offices. The candidate for precinct
8 committeeman and the candidate for precinct committeewoman for
9 each political party in each voting precinct who shall receive
10 the highest number of votes shall thereby be elected and shall
11 hold office for two years and until his successor is elected and
12 qualified, provided that in the event one elected to such office
13 shall cease to be an eligible voter in the precinct for which he
14 was elected, a vacancy in such office shall thereby be created
15 to be filled as hereinafter provided. In the event of a vacancy
16 by death, resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled
17 for the unexpired term by the Divisional Central Committee of
18 the party in the Division where the vacancy occurs.

19 Section 3. Section 38-4-2 ACIA 1949 is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 Section 38-4-2. Place of filing: Filing fees:

22 Certification of declaration. All declarations of candidacy
23 shall be filed as follows:

24 1. For Delegate to Congress, national committeeman and
25 national committeewoman, Attorney General, and other
26 elective Territorial offices, in the office of the Auditor
27 of the Territory.

28 2. For members of the Legislature of the Territory of
29 Alaska (Divisional ^{Casa} Road Commissioner), or other divisional

1 offices, and precinct committeemen and precinct
2 committeewomen, in the office of the Clerk of the Court of
3 the Division in which the candidate resides.

4 At the time of filing the declaration of candidacy for
5 any office, each candidate shall pay a fee of one per cent
6 of the annual salary for such office, provided that
7 officers who do not receive a stipulated salary shall pay
8 a fee of Ten Dollars, with the exception of precinct
9 committeemen and precinct committeewomen for whom the
10 filing fee shall be two dollars. (AND) In no case shall
11 the filing fee be more than Forty ((\$40.00)) Dollars. Said
12 fees shall be paid to the Auditor of the Territory or the
13 Clerk of the Court of the Division in which said candidate
14 resides, and shall be remitted to the Territorial Treasurer
15 and by him covered into the general fund of the
16 (TERRITORIAL) Treasury.

17 It shall be the duty of the Auditor of the Territory
18 to certify all declarations of candidacy for the office of
19 Delegate to Congress, national committeeman and national
20 committeewoman, and territorial offices to the Clerks of
21 Courts for the respective Judicial Divisions of the
22 Territory within ten days after the same are filed.

23 Section 4. Section 38-4-4 ACLA 1949 is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 Section 38-4-4. Primary ballots. The forms of
26 ballots used in primary elections shall be as follows:

27 1. Ballot for territorial and divisional offices.
28 There shall be (BUT ONE FORM OF BALLOT USED IN THE PRIMARY
29 ELECTION AND IT) a ballot for the nomination of candidates

1 to all territorial and divisional offices which shall
2 contain the names of all candidates and (SHALL) indicate
3 their party affiliation. The names shall be grouped
4 according to offices and within each office alphabetically
5 rotated according to the initial letter of the last name
6 of each candidate, without regard to party affiliation.

7 2. Ballot for party committeemen. There shall be a
8 separate ballot for election of party committeemen for
9 each major political party, and it shall be given only to
10 persons who, at the time of voting, register their
11 preference for the party whose ballot they request. These
12 ballots shall be in substantially the following form;
13 provided, that the spaces for the election of national
14 committeeman and national committeewoman shall appear on
15 the ballot only in 1956 and every four years thereafter:

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19 Sample Ballot for Election of Committeemen
20 (~~of State Party~~)
21 Republican Party, First Precinct, Anchorage
22 (to be given to all persons who state they
23 are a ~~(State Party)~~ Republican)

24 For National Committeeman (vote for one):

25 John Doe

26 William Green

27 For National Committeewoman (vote for one):

28 Elizabeth Doe

29 Wilhelmena Green

30 For Precinct Committeeman (vote for one):

1 Algernon Jones

2 Archibald Smith

3 For Precinct Committeewoman: (vote for one):

4 Alice Jones

5 Selma Smith

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6 (THE) All ballots shall be prepared by the Clerks of
7 the Court for their respective divisions in general
8 conformity with the (PROVISIONS OF) laws for the preparation
9 of ballots for general elections, except as herein set
10 forth. Across the head of each ballot shall be printed in
11 large type the words "Official Primary Ballot."

12 No blank spaces shall be provided on any (SUCH) ballots
13 for the writing (IN) or pasting in of names, and no vote
14 shall be cast or counted at a primary election for any
15 person whose name is not printed upon the official primary
16 ballot; provided, that on the ballots for the election of
17 party committeemen a blank space shall be left after the
18 office of precinct committeeman and of precinct
19 committeewoman to allow for writing in names where no one
20 has filed for these positions, and such votes shall be
21 counted as though the name appearing had been printed on
22 the ballot.