

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 committeewomen for the major political  
9 parties; and amending Sections 38-4-2  
10 and 38-4-4 ACIA 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  
voter of each precinct who has indicated  
his party preference in writing may vote  
in the precinct party ballot of his  
precinct committeeman and committeewoman.

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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 ACLA 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 (<sup>Case</sup> Divisional 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

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

End new  
Matter

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.