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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. POLLOCK

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for popular election of Delegates to national conventions of major political parties and designation of party choice for President of the United States."

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

Section 1. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

In the years when a President of the United States is to be nominated and elected, the several major political parties (defined as an affiliation of voters representing a political party which at the last preceding general election polled for its candidate for the office of Delegate to Congress at least 10% of the total vote cast) shall, at the primary election, elect delegates to the national conventions. At the same primary election the political parties shall express their choice for President of the United States in the manner hereinafter provided.

Section 2. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY; FORM AND CONTENTS; FILING FEE.

The Secretary of Alaska shall ascertain from the proper officials of the national committees of the several political parties the number of delegates allotted by such committees to Alaska. The delegates allotted to Alaska by the national committee of each party subject to this Act shall be elected from the Territory at large. A candidate for delegate

1 to a party national convention shall during the month of
2 February next preceding each primary election, make under oath
3 and file directly, by mail, or by telegraph (such telegraph to
4 be substantiated by mailing of the original declaration, which
5 must be postmarked on or before the last day of filing), a
6 declaration of candidacy which shall contain the name, address
7 and length of residency of the candidate in his precinct,
8 judicial division, and Alaska, and shall file a declaration that
9 he is a qualified voter in the division; that he is a member of
10 the political party from which he seeks to be elected; that in
11 the preceding primary election his name did not appear on the
12 ballot as a candidate of a different party, and pledging that if
13 elected as a delegate to the party national convention, he will
14 support the nomination of that person for President of the
15 United States who receives the largest number of votes by the
16 party at the primary election. The delegates elected by the
17 party shall be bound to that candidate so endorsed for
18 presidential nomination ^{on the first ballot of such convention} ~~until released by such candidate~~, after
19 which each delegate may vote as he desires.

20 The declaration shall be in substantially the following
21 form:

22 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
23 FOR
24 CANDIDATE TO PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

25 I, declare that I reside at..... in
26 the city of, Judicial Division,
27 Territory of Alaska, and receive my mail at;
28 that I have been a resident of Alaska and the
29 Judicial Division during the two years next preceding the

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date of this declaration; that I am a member of the
Party and have been recognized as such for at least six
months prior to the filing of this declaration; and that my
name did not appear on the ballot at the last primary
election as a candidate of a different party.

I declare myself a candidate for delegate to the
..... Party national convention from the Territory of
Alaska at large in the preferential presidential primary
election to be held on the day of, 19....,
and request that my name be printed on the party ballot.

I pledge that if elected, I will support the nomination
of that person for President of the United States who
receives the highest number of votes by the Party
in Alaska, shall consider such person to be the preference
of the Party in Alaska, and will support the
nomination of such person at the Party national
convention ^{on the first ballot of each convention} until released by him, after which I shall
consider myself free to support whichever ^{candidate} I choose.

Accompanying this declaration is the sum of \$25.00,
the fee required by law of me for becoming such candidate.

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Signature of Candidate

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day
of, 19.....

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Notary Public

Section 3. PLACE OF FILING OF DECLARATION: CERTIFICATION
OF DECLARATION. The declarations of candidacy for delegate to a
party national convention shall be filed in the office of the

1 Auditor of the Territory. It shall be the duty of the Auditor
2 to certify all declarations of candidacy for delegate to party
3 national conventions within ten days after the same are filed.

4 Section 4. CORRELATION OF NAMES NOT REQUIRED. On the
5 party ballot there shall normally be no correlation between
6 names of the candidates for delegate and those for President,
7 except that candidates for delegate, at their option and request,
8 may have the name of the presidential candidate whom they favor
9 placed on the ballot opposite their individual names, or in some
10 other manner linked therewith.

11 Section 5. PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE: PLURALITY VOTE
12 SUFFICIENT TO ELECT. Every qualified voter of a political party
13 within the meaning of this Act shall have the right to vote his
14 or her preference on the nominating party ballot for as many
15 delegates as are to be elected at large from the Territory. A
16 plurality vote shall be deemed sufficient to elect a delegate
17 to a national convention; provided, the allotted number of
18 candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be chosen
19 in the Territory at large.

20 Section 6. PREFERENCE VOTE FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.
21 Every qualified voter shall have the opportunity to vote his or
22 her preference on the special party nominating ballot for choice
23 of a person to be the candidate for nomination by his political
24 party for the office of President of the United States, either
25 by writing the name of such person in a blank space left on the
26 ballot for that purpose or by making a cross in the space
27 provided before the printed name of the person of his choice.

28 Section 7. CANDIDACY FOR PARTY NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT:
29 METHOD OF FILING: PRINTING ON BALLOT: COUNTING. The name of any

1 candidate for a party nomination for President will be printed
2 on the ballot upon the written request of the candidate, filed
3 with the Secretary of Alaska, or upon petition of 250 of his
4 supporters who are registered voters in Alaska of the political
5 party to which he belongs; provided, if no petition is filed in
6 a candidate's behalf, then his request must be accompanied by a
7 statement, signed by the chairman and secretary of the party
8 central committee in Alaska to which the candidate belongs, to
9 the effect that his candidacy is advocated generally throughout
10 the United States. The names of the candidates for party
11 nomination for President of the United States shall be printed
12 on the official party ballots for the primary elections of their
13 respective political parties, and shall be marked, counted,
14 canvassed, returned and proclaimed in the same manner and under
15 the same conditions, so far as the same are applicable, as the
16 names of candidates for nomination for precinct and national
17 committeeman and committeewoman.