

1 IN THE SENATE

BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND
FEDERAL RELATIONS

2 SENATE BILL NO. 63

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 the popular election
7 of precinct committeemen and committee-
8 women for the major political parties."

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

10 Section 1. At the primary election to be held in 1954, and
11 at each such election every two years thereafter, each political
12 party whose candidate for Delegate to Congress from Alaska
13 receives at least ten percent of the votes cast in the last
14 general election, which parties shall hereafter be referred to as
15 major political parties, shall elect its precinct committeemen
16 and committeewomen. A candidate for such office shall be a
17 registered voter in the precinct for which he seeks the office
18 of precinct committeeman or committeewoman. The candidate for
19 precinct committeeman and the candidate for precinct committee-
20 woman for each major political party in each voting precinct who
21 shall receive the highest number of votes shall thereby be
22 elected and shall hold office commencing the 15th day of June
23 next after the election and for two years thereafter until a
24 successor is elected and qualified. In the event one elected to
25 such office shall cease to be an eligible voter in the precinct
26 for which he was elected, a vacancy in such office shall thereby
27 be created. In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or
28 otherwise, the office shall be filled for the unexpired term by
29 a person appointed by the Divisional Committee of the party in

1 the Division where the vacancy occurs.

2 Section 2. Candidates for the offices of precinct
3 committeeman and precinct committeewoman shall file a declaration
4 of candidacy in the same form, place, and manner, as candidates
5 for the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, but each
6 candidate for such party offices shall, at the time of filing
7 the declaration, pay a fee of \$2 to the Clerk of the Court for
8 the Division in which the candidate resides, such monies to be
9 covered into the general fund of the Territory.

10 Section 3. A separate ballot shall be used for election of
11 the precinct committeeman and precinct committeewoman for each
12 major political party; however, if a ballot is provided by law
13 for the election of a national committeeman and national
14 committeewoman of a major political party at the primary
15 elections, the names of the candidates for precinct committeeman
16 and precinct committeewoman of the same party ^{shall} ~~may~~ appear on such
17 ballot. The ballot shall be given only to persons who, at the
18 time of voting, register their preference for the party whose
19 ballot they request. The ballots shall be prepared by the Clerks
20 of the Court for the respective Judicial Divisions in general
21 conformity with the provisions of law for the preparation of
22 ballots in the primary elections except as herein set forth.

23 Section 4. All provisions of the primary election laws of
24 the Territory of Alaska relating to the qualifications of voters,
25 the notice and conduct of elections, the counting of ballots, and
26 the preparation, transmission and canvassing of the returns, now
27 in force or which may hereafter be enacted shall, where
28 applicable, govern the election of precinct committeemen and
29 committeewomen.

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