

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR BARR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to absentee ballots; re-  
7 quiring the Clerk of the District Court  
8 to forward ballots and notices to post-  
9 masters in localities 5 miles or more from  
10 any U. S. Commissioner's office; amending  
11 Section 33-9-6, ACLA, 1949, and Sec. 33-9-2,  
12 ACLA, 1949, as amended."

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

14 Section 1. Section 33-9-6, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated,  
15 1949, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

16 Sec. 33-9-6. CLERK OF COURT TO FORWARD ABSENTEE  
17 VOTERS' BALLOTS TO COMMISSIONER; RETURN OF UNUSED AND  
18 DAMAGED BALLOTS. The clerk of the District Court shall pre-  
19 pare and forward to the Commissioner and ex-officio  
20 Recorder for each of the recording districts in his judi-  
21 cial division, and to all Postmasters authorized by law to  
22 administer oaths and execute the certificate required when  
23 such Postmasters are located more than five miles from the  
24 nearest Commissioner's office, in a separate package or  
25 envelope marked, "Absentee Voters' Ballots", a separate  
26 set of official ballots for use by absentee voters, to-  
27 gether with the necessary small envelopes and larger  
28 envelopes required by this Act, in a number equal to 20  
29 per centum of the whole number of official ballots required

1 in each (all) of the voting precincts in such recording  
2 districts, and a number equal to 50 per centum of the esti-  
3 ated number of voters served by each postoffice located  
4 more than five miles from a Commissioner's Office. Such  
5 ballots shall be forwarded so as to reach the several  
6 Commissioners and postmasters at least 40 days prior to the  
7 general election. All unused and marred ballots, together  
8 with the numbered stubs that have been detached by the  
9 Commissioner, shall be returned to the clerk of the District  
10 Court upon the expiration of the time for absentee voting.  
11 The Clerk shall also send to each such postmaster a large  
12 printed notice, or poster, stating that absentee ballots  
13 are available and containing instructions for filling out  
14 such ballots. The cost of printing such posters shall be  
15 paid for from funds normally used for printing ballots and  
16 other election material.

17 Section 2. Subsection (a) of Section 39-9-2, Alaska Compiled  
18 Laws Annotated, 1949, as amended is hereby amended so as to read  
19 as follows:

20 APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL BALLOT.

21 (a) Any elector desiring to vote under the provisions  
22 of this Article (Secs. 39-9-1 -- 39-9-18 herein) may, not  
23 more than 40 days nor less than 2 days before such election,  
24 apply in person, or by letter, to any Commissioner of the rec-  
25 ording district of which he is a resident for an official  
26 ballot; and in addition any elector residing in a locality  
27 which is a distance of 5 miles or more from the office of  
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polling place at which he is required to vote, may call  
upon the Postmaster of such locality for an official blank  
absentee ballot and envelopes as specified in Sec. 38-9-3  
AGLA 1949, as amended, and such Postmasters are hereby  
authorized to issue the ballots and envelopes to qualified  
persons and administer the oath and execute the certificate  
as required.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect and be in full force  
ninety days after its passage and approval.