

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. TAYLOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide for a party-column
7 primary ballot; amending Sec. 38-4-4,
8 ACLA 1949."

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

10 Section 1. Section 38-4-4, ACLA 1949 is hereby amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 38-4-4. PRIMARY BALLOTS. There shall be but one
13 form of ballot used in the primary election and it shall
14 contain the names of all candidates in separate columns
15 for each political party and a column heading shall indicate
16 their party affiliation. The names shall be grouped
17 according to offices and within each column and each office
18 alphabetically rotated according to the initial letter of
19 the last name of each candidate ∟, WITHOUT REGARD TO PARTY
20 AFFILIATION∟.

21 The ballots shall be prepared by the Clerks of the
22 Court for their respective districts ∟DIVISIONS∟ in general
23 conformity with the provisions of law for the preparation
24 of ballots for general elections except as herein set forth.
25 Across the head of each ballot shall be printed in large
26 type the words "Official Primary Ballot". Across the head
27 of each column shall be printed in clear type and capital
28 letters the party of the candidates listed in such column;
29 and the column at the left hand side of the ballot shall

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contain the names of the candidates of the political party
of the Governor of Alaska at the time of the primary election.

No blank spaces shall be provided on any such ballots
for the writing in or pasting in of names, and no vote shall
be cast or counted at a primary election for any person
whose name is not printed upon the official primary ballot;
nor shall any person cast votes for candidates in more than
one column. Ballots cast with votes for candidates in more
than one party column shall be void in their entirety.

Voters may declare their party preference before
obtaining a ballot but shall not be required to do so as
a condition for receiving a ballot.