

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state elections; and  
7 amending Ch. 83, SLA 1960."

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

9 Section 1. Sec. 3.03(5), Ch. 83, SLA 1960 is amended to  
10 read:

11 (5) The general election ballot shall be printed  
12 on white paper with the names of candidates placed in sep-  
13 arate columns for each political party as indicated by column  
14 headings. Candidates shall be grouped according to offices,  
15 with each office except the secretary of state, having a  
16 separate section. The secretary of state and governor shall  
17 be included in the same section. The left column shall be  
18 that of the political party receiving the largest vote at the  
19 preceding general election. Provision shall be made for  
20 voting for write-in and no-party candidates and for voting a  
21 straight party ticket by marking only one designated square.  
22 The secretary of state shall follow the intent of this  
23 section and uniformly use only squares throughout the ballot  
24 in which to mark voting preferences.

25 Sec. 2. Sec. 3.36(1), Ch. 83, SLA 1960 is amended to read:

26 (1) A voter may mark his ballot only by the use of  
27 a standardized (X) clearly placed in the square opposite the  
28 name of the candidate the voter desires to designate. The  
29 intent of this section is to guarantee and enforce secrecy of

1 the ballot by eliminating distinguishing marks that can be  
2 identified. [A VOTER MAY MARK HIS BALLOT BY THE USE OF  
3 CHECKS, CROSS MARKS OR PLUS SIGNS, OR ANY OTHER WRITTEN MARK  
4 THAT IS CLEARLY PLACED IN THE SQUARE OPPOSITE THE NAME OF THE  
5 CANDIDATE AND THAT INDICATES THE INTENT OF THE VOTER TO  
6 DESIGNATE THE CANDIDATE.]

7 Sec. 3. Sec. 3.36(6), Ch. 83, SLA 1960 is amended to read:

8 (6) No other mark except standardized (X)'s in the  
9 ballot square shall be allowed on the ballot and other im-  
10 proper marks shall invalidate the ballot. Erasures and cor-  
11 rections shall invalidate the ballot. The intent of this  
12 section is to guarantee and enforce secrecy of the ballot by  
13 eliminating distinguishing marks that can be identified.

14 [IMPROPER MARKS ON THE BALLOT SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AND SHALL  
15 NOT INVALIDATE MARKS FOR CANDIDATES PROPERLY MADE.]

16 Sec. 4. Sec. 3.36(10), Ch. 83, SLA 1960 is amended to read:

17 (10) If a voter marks in the square designated for  
18 voting a straight ticket for one political party and also  
19 marks in a square for a particular candidate or candidates of  
20 another party, a no-party candidate or a write-in candidate,  
21 the ballot is not invalid and a vote shall be counted for  
22 each candidate on the straight party ticket, except a vote  
23 shall not be counted for the candidate or candidates on the  
24 straight party ticket in the ballot section opposite the  
25 square or squares in the ballot section where a vote has been  
26 cast for a particular candidate or candidates of another  
27 party, and no vote shall be counted for a candidate or candi-  
28 dates not on the straight party ticket.

29 Sec. 5. Sec. 5.07, Ch. 83, SLA 1960 is amended to read:

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Sec. 5.07. SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON COUNTING BALLOTS. No voter may vote for any person whose name is not on the ballot [OR VOTE FOR CANDIDATES IN MORE THAN ONE COLUMN]. Votes cast for a person whose name is not on the ballot shall not be counted, but writing in a candidate's name does not invalidate the entire ballot. [BALLOTS CAST WITH VOTES FOR CANDIDATES IN MORE THAN ONE PARTY COLUMN SHALL NOT BE COUNTED, AND THE ENTIRE BALLOT IS INVALID.]

Sec. 6. Sec. 3.36(7), Ch. 83, SLA 1960 is repealed.