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IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 145

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to leave without pay for teachers seeking or holding an elective state office."

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

Section 1. Certified teachers in the Alaska public school system, in performing their civic duties, shall not be denied political rights, such as voting, discussing political issues, campaigning for candidates, and running for and serving in public office. However, teachers shall have the responsibility of identifying their political activities and statements as being personal rather than representative of the local school board or the Department of Education and of recognizing their employment as educators as being their first obligation. No teacher may engage in political activities on school premises during school hours.

Sec. 2. Any certified teacher in the Alaska public school system shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for the purpose of being a candidate for or holding an elective state office when the authority with whom the teacher has contracted for employment determines that the leave will not adversely affect the school program.