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BY RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

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 public employees seeking or holding an elective state office."

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

Section 1. Public employees of the state or any political subdivision thereof, in performing their civic duties, shall not be denied political rights, such as voting, discussing political issues, campaigning for candidates holding party office and running for and serving in public office. However, they shall have the responsibility of identifying their political activities and statements as being personal rather than representative of the local governmental unit by which they are employed, and of recognizing their employment as being their first obligation. They may not engage in political activities on public premises during normal working hours.

Sec. 2. Any public employee must be granted a leave of absence without pay for the purpose of being a candidate for or holding an elective state office.