

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS POLLOCK & B. PHILLIPS  
2 SENATE 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 elections; amending Ch.  
7 83, SLA 1960."

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

9 Section 1. Sec. 1.01, Art. I, Ch. 83, SLA 1960 is amended  
10 to read:

11 ARTICLE I  
12 QUALIFICATION AND PREREGISTRATION OF VOTERS

13 Part 1. Qualification of Voters

14 Section 1.01. VOTER QUALIFICATION. Any person who has  
15 the following qualifications may vote at any election and  
16 party nomination:

- 17 (1) A citizen of the United States,  
18 (2) At least 19 years of age,  
19 (3) A resident of the state for at least one year  
20 immediately preceding the election,  
21 (4) A resident of the election district in which  
22 he seeks to vote for at least 30 days immediately preceding  
23 the election, [AND]  
24 (5) An ability to read or speak the English lan-  
25 guage unless prevented by physical disability, or who legally  
26 voted in the general election of November 4, 1924, and [.]  
27 (6) Has preregistered as required by this code.

28 Sec. 2. Art. I, Ch. 83, SLA 1960 is amended to add the  
29 following Part 2 and the following sections:

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Part 2. Preregistration

Sec. 1.51. GENERAL DUTY OF SECRETARY OF STATE. The secretary of state shall provide general administrative supervision over the conduct of preregistration and may issue any rules or instructions necessary to the administration of preregistration to assure efficiency, prevent voting fraud and encourage the full exercise of the voting privilege.

Sec. 1.52. INITIAL PERMANENT PREREGISTRATION. The secretary of state shall compile the initial permanent preregistration lists for each precinct from the list of voters who cast their ballots by absentee vote or in person at the polls in the general election of November 8, 1960. Any person who voted at the general election is preregistered in the precinct of his residence for the purposes of this code.

Sec. 1.53. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PREREGISTRATION MATERIAL. The secretary of state shall provide the preregistration forms, certificates, and other preregistration material to be used in the preregistration of voters. The secretary of state shall distribute to election supervisors, district and deputy magistrates, and other election officials the necessary preregistration material for the period during which a person may preregister. The voter's certificate shall include an oath, for use when required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all respects, a blank for the voter's signature, and blanks for the attesting witnesses and notary.

Sec. 1.54. REQUIREMENT OF FULL PUBLIC NOTICE. The secretary of state shall give full public notice of the dates and manner of preregistration, and the names of preregistered

1 N voters in each precinct, and may select any means of com-  
2 munication permitted to be used in giving notice of the date  
3 and time of the general election. The full public notice  
4 E required shall be given by the secretary of state at least  
5 60 days before the date of the next election or party pri-  
6 mary, and at other times in the discretion of the secretary  
7 W of state.

8 Sec. 1.55. PREREGISTRATION. Any qualified voter may  
9 preregister by securing the preregistration materials from  
10 the secretary of state, an election supervisor or any deputy  
11 or district magistrate. The qualified voter may execute the  
12 required forms and certificate in the presence of two attest-  
13 ing witnesses, both of whom are qualified voters, or before  
14 M any election judge, notary public, commissioned officer of  
15 the armed forces, including the National Guard, any district  
16 or deputy magistrate, United States postmaster, United States  
17 A assistant postmaster, or other person qualified to administer  
18 oaths. The voter shall then return the preregistration  
19 material at any time more than 30 days before any election or  
20 T party nomination to a deputy or district magistrate, elec-  
21 tion supervisor, or to the secretary of state. Upon receipt  
22 of the properly executed preregistration material returned in  
23 T person or by mail postmarked more than 30 days before any  
24 election or party nomination, the secretary of state or elec-  
25 tion supervisors shall preregister the voter for the election  
26 E or party nomination and so notify the voter. The notifica-  
27 tion of the preregistration shall be accepted by the election  
28 board in the precinct in which the voter is preregistered as  
29 R evidence of preregistration. If preregistration materials

1 N properly executed are received 30 days or less before any  
2 election or party nomination, the secretary of state or elec-  
3 tion supervisor shall hold the preregistration material for  
4 E the voter, notify the voter that his preregistration was not  
5 filed within the time limits prescribed for the forthcoming  
6 election or party nomination, and that he will be preregis-  
7 W tered immediately after the forthcoming election.

8 Sec. 1.56. CHANGE OR PREREGISTRATION. Any preregistered  
9 voter may change his preregistration from one precinct to  
10 another by informing the secretary of state or election  
11 supervisor of the voter's present preregistered address and  
12 new address at any time except within 30 days before the  
13 date of the election. Upon receipt of the information, the  
14 M secretary of state or election supervisor shall change the  
15 appropriate records to reflect the indicated change of  
16 address and so notify the voter. The notification of the  
17 A change of address shall be accepted by the election board in  
18 the precinct to which the voter has moved as evidence of  
19 preregistration.

20 T Sec. 1.57. CORRECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LIST. The  
21 secretary of state shall furnish election supervisors with  
22 the list of preregistered voters for their respective dis-  
23 T tricts at least 90 days before any election or party nomina-  
24 tion. The election supervisor shall proceed to correct the  
25 list of each precinct to assure that the list will contain  
26 E only the names of qualified voters residing in each precinct.  
27 In correcting the lists, the election supervisors shall  
28 delete from the lists the names of voters who have subse-  
29 R quently died, been disqualified as voters, moved from the

1 N precinct, or who have not voted in any state election or  
2 party nomination during the preceding 25 months, and shall  
3 add to the list the names of preregistered voters who have  
4 E moved into the precinct, and new preregistered voters.  
5 Sixty days before the election the supervisors shall have  
6 available for the secretary of state for publication, the  
7 W list of voters who are preregistered at that time in each  
8 precinct. After publication of the initial revised list,  
9 additional corrections and changes may be made at any time  
10 more than 30 days before the date of the primary nomination  
11 or election. The election supervisors shall furnish a list  
12 of the preregistered voters for each precinct to each elec-  
13 tion board in sufficient time for use at the election or  
14 M party nomination.

15 Sec. 1.58. CHANGE OF ADDRESS BEFORE ELECTION. No pre-  
16 registered voter may vote in any precinct other than the  
17 A precinct indicated on the precinct preregistration voter  
18 lists unless the election supervisor or his designee certi-  
19 fies that the voter is properly preregistered in the election  
20 T district but has changed his address and has had no oppor-  
21 tunity to file a change of address declaration as required.  
22 If any preregistered voter changes his address from one  
23 T precinct to another in the election district within 30 days  
24 of the election or party nomination, the voter may obtain a  
25 certificate from the election supervisor or his designee in  
26 E the district that the person is preregistered and has moved  
27 within the election district and is qualified to vote in  
28 the precinct of his new residence. Upon such certification,  
29 R the preregistration lists shall be corrected and the

1 N preregistered voter permitted to vote in the precinct of his  
2 new residence.

3 E Sec. 1.59. ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Any preregistered voter  
4 may vote by absentee ballot in the manner provided by this  
5 W code. Any qualified voter who is not preregistered may  
6 apply for preregistration and preregister at the time appli-  
7 cation is made and the absentee vote is cast. If the ab-  
8 sentee vote is cast before the close of the preregistration  
9 M books, 30 days before the date of the election or party  
10 nomination, the preregistration list available as published  
11 A 60 days before the election or party nomination shall govern  
12 preregistration until corrected. If the absentee vote is  
13 T cast after the preregistration books are closed, 30 days  
14 before the election or party nomination, the most current  
15 T preregistration lists for each precinct shall govern pre-  
16 registration. In the canvass of absentee ballots, the can-  
17 E vassing board shall review each ballot to determine if the  
18 person is a preregistered voter and no ballot shall be  
19 R counted for any person who is not a preregistered voter.

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