

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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 REGISTRATION 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 registered 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:

CS for SB #14 as amended -1-

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Part 2. Registration

Sec. 1.51. REQUIREMENT OF REGISTRATION. No person is qualified to vote in a precinct in any election district in which more than 7,500 votes, including absentee ballots, were cast at the last preceding general election unless he has registered in the manner as provided in this code.

Sec. 1.52. GENERAL DUTY OF SECRETARY OF STATE. The secretary of state shall provide general administrative supervision over the conduct of registration and may issue any rules or instructions necessary to the administration of registration to assure efficiency, prevent voting fraud and encourage the full exercise of the voting privilege.

Sec. 1.53. INITIAL PERMANENT REGISTRATION. The secretary of state shall compile the initial permanent registration lists for each precinct in which registration is required 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 qualified voter who voted at the general election is registered in the precinct of his residence for the purposes of this code.

Sec. 1.54. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTRATION MATERIAL. The secretary of state shall provide the registration forms, registration certificates, and other registration material to be used in the registration of voters. The secretary of state shall distribute to election supervisors, and other election officials in the election districts in which registration is required, the necessary registration material for the period during which a person may register. The voter's registration certificate shall include an oath, for

1 N use when required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all
2 respects, a blank for the voter's name, address, and signa-
3 ture, blanks for the attesting witnesses and notary, and
4 E other information as required by the secretary of state.

5 Sec. 1.55. REQUIREMENT OF FULL PUBLIC NOTICE. The
6 secretary of state shall give full public notice of the elec-
7 W tion districts in which registration is required, the dates
8 and manner of registration, and may select any means of com-
9 munication permitted to be used in giving notice of the date
10 and time of the general election. The full public notice re-
11 quired shall be given by the secretary of state in the elec-
12 tion districts in which registration is required at least 45
13 days before the date of the next election or party primary,
14 M and at other times at the discretion of the secretary of
15 state.

16 Sec. 1.56. REGISTRATION. Any qualified voter who is
17 A required to register may register by securing the registration
18 materials by mail or in person from the secretary of state,
19 an election supervisor or any election official designated by
20 T the secretary of state. The qualified voter may execute the
21 required forms and certificate in the presence of two attest-
22 ing witnesses, both of whom are qualified voters, or before
23 T any election supervisor, election official designated by the
24 secretary of state, notary public, commissioned officer of the
25 armed forces, including the National Guard, any district or
26 E deputy magistrate, United States postmaster, United States
27 assistant postmaster, or other person qualified to administer
28 oaths. The voter shall then return the registration material
29 R in person or by mail at any time more than 15 days before any

1 N election or party nomination to an election supervisor, the
2 secretary of state, or any election official designated by
3 the secretary of state. Upon receipt of the properly exe-
4 E cuted registration material returned in person or by mail
5 postmarked more than 15 days before any election or party
6 nomination, the secretary of state or election supervisors
7 W shall register the voter for the election or party nomination
8 and so notify the voter. The notification of the registra-
9 tion shall be accepted by the election board in the precinct
10 in which the voter is registered as evidence of registration.
11 If registration materials properly executed are received 15
12 days or less before any election or party nomination, the
13 secretary of state or election supervisor shall hold the
14 M registration material for the voter, notify the voter that
15 his registration was not filed within the time limits pre-
16 scribed for the forthcoming election or party nomination, and
17 A that he will be registered immediately after the forthcoming
18 election.

19 Sec. 1.57. CHANGE OF REGISTRATION. Any registered
20 T voter may change his registration from one precinct in which
21 registration is required to another by informing the secre-
22 tary of state or election supervisor of the voter's present
23 T registered address and new address at any time except within
24 15 days before the date of the election. Upon receipt of the
25 information, the secretary of state or election supervisor
26 E shall change the appropriate records to reflect the indicated
27 change of address and so notify the voter. The notification
28 of the change of address shall be accepted by the election
29 R board in the precinct to which the voter has moved as evi-

1 N dence of registration.

2 Sec. 1.58. CORRECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LIST. The
3 secretary of state shall furnish election supervisors with
4 E the list of registered voters for election districts which re-
5 quire registration within their respective districts at least
6 90 days before any election or party nomination. The elec-
7 W tion supervisor shall proceed to correct the list of each
8 precinct to assure that the list will contain only the names
9 of qualified voters residing in each precinct. In correcting
10 the lists, the election supervisors shall delete from the
11 lists the names of voters who have subsequently died, been
12 disqualified as voters, moved from the precinct, or who have
13 not voted in any state election or party nomination during
14 M the preceding 49 months, and shall add to the list the names
15 of registered voters who have moved into the precinct, and
16 new registered voters. In correcting the list, the secretary
17 A of state may contract with any city, borough or other politi-
18 cal subdivision for assistance or information in determining
19 a correct list of qualified voters for registration. Thirty
20 T days before the election the supervisors shall have available
21 for the secretary of state the list of voters who are regis-
22 tered at that time in each precinct requiring registration.
23 T Additional corrections and changes may be made at any time
24 more than 15 days before the date of the party nomination or
25 election. The election supervisors shall furnish a list of
26 E the registered voters for each precinct requiring registra-
27 tion to each election board in sufficient time for use at the
28 election or party nomination.

29 R Sec. 1.59. CHANGE OF ADDRESS BEFORE ELECTION. No

1 N registered voter may vote in any precinct requiring registra-
2 tion other than the precinct indicated on the precinct regis-
3 tration voter lists unless the election supervisor or his
4 E designee certifies that the voter is properly registered in
5 the election district but has changed his address and has had
6 no opportunity to file a change of address declaration as
7 W required. If any registered voter changes his address from
8 one precinct requiring registration to another in the elec-
9 tion district within 15 days of the election or party nomina-
10 tion, the voter may obtain a certificate from the election
11 supervisor or his designee in the district that the person is
12 registered and has moved within the election district and is
13 qualified to vote in the precinct of his new residence. Upon
14 M such certification, the registration lists shall be corrected
15 and the registered voter permitted to vote in the precinct of
16 his new residence.

17 A Sec. 1.60. ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Any registered voter may
18 vote by absentee ballot in the manner provided by this code.
19 Any qualified voter who is required to register and is not
20 T registered may apply for registration and register at the
21 time application is made and the absentee vote is cast. If
22 the absentee vote is cast before the close of the registra-
23 T tion books, 15 days before the date of the election or party
24 nomination, the registration list available 15 days before
25 the election or party nomination shall govern registration
26 E until corrected. If the absentee vote is cast after the
27 registration books are closed, 15 days before the election
28 or party nomination, the most current registration lists for
29 R each precinct shall govern registration. In the canvass of

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absentee ballots, the canvassing board shall review each
ballot to determine if each voter so required is registered,
and no ballot shall be counted for any person who is not
registered if so required by this code.