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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 102

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 leave without pay for  
7 teachers seeking or holding an elective  
8 state office."

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

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

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