

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR SMITH

2 SS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 147

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state elections; amending
7 Ch. 83, SLA 1960; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 Section 1. Ch. 83, SLA 1960 is amended by adding a new
11 Sec. 5.14 to read:

12 N Sec. 5.14. PARTY COMMITTEEMEN AND COMMITTEEWOMEN
13 E ELECTED AT PRIMARIES. At such primary election the members
14 W of the respective political parties shall also elect the
15 members of the district and state central committees for the
16 terms and in the number now provided, or as may hereafter be
17 provided, in the party rules of organization of the respective
18 parties. Party rules of organization may also provide for
19 additional ex officio members of such committees.

20 (a) In the election years when a President of the
21 United States is not to be elected, each major political party
22 shall elect its national committeeman and its national
23 committeewoman.

24 M (b) To qualify as a candidate for election to the
25 A district or state central committee, national committeeman or
26 T committeewoman, a person must have registered a party prefer-
27 T ence in the preceding primary election.

28 E (c) District committees shall be elected from,
29 R and by, the voters of each major senatorial district, as

1 N provided in the party rules. State central committee members
2 E shall be elected from, and by, the voters of the state, as
3 W provided in the party rules.

4 (d) Candidates for election to the district and
5 state central committees, national committeeman and national
6 committeewoman shall file their nominating petitions or
7 declarations with the Secretary of State as required of
8 candidates for state offices, and shall pay a fee of \$10.00
9 for district office, and a fee of \$20.00 for a state-wide
10 office.

11 (e) The names of all candidates shall be printed
12 on separate ballots for each political party. Voters who
13 declare their party preference shall be issued a ballot for
14 that party at the same time as they receive their primary
15 ballot for state offices. The persons elected shall hold
16 office until a successor is elected.

17 (f) In case of a vacancy in a district committee,
18 it shall be filled for the unexpired term by the district
19 committee of the party concerned, unless otherwise provided
20 in the party rules. In case of a vacancy in the state central
21 committee, it shall be filled for the unexpired term by the
22 state central committee of the party concerned, unless other-
23 wise provided in the party rules. In case of a vacancy in
24 M the office of national committeeman or committeewoman it shall
25 A be filled for the unexpired term by the state central committee,
26 T unless otherwise provided in the party rules.

27 T (g) District and state central committee may, if
28 E authorized by their respective party rules, elect a chairman
29 R from outside their membership.

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(h) All applicable existing provisions of law relating to elections shall apply to the election of members of district and state central committee members.

Sec. 2. The recall provisions of the election code shall apply to elected members of the district and central committees, and to the national committeeman and national committeewoman. Except that the petitions for recall shall be signed only by those persons who have registered a party preference for the party concerned at the preceding primary election. Only those persons who have registered a party preference for the party concerned, shall be eligible to vote in such recall election.

Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.