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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 256

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act amending the Alaska Election Code to  
7 provide for the rejection or retention of  
8 district judges; and providing for an  
9 effective date."

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

11 \* Section 1. AS 15.35 is amended by adding new sections to  
12 read:

13 Sec. 15.35.100. APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF DISTRICT  
14 JUDGE. (a) Each district judge shall be subject to approval  
15 or rejection at the first general election held more than two  
16 years after his appointment. If approved, he shall there-  
17 after be subject to approval or rejection in a like manner  
18 every fourth year.

19 (b) The district judge shall seek approval in the  
20 judicial district in which he was originally appointed, or in  
21 the district where he has served the major portion of his  
22 term. The district judge shall designate on his declaration  
23 of candidacy the judicial district in which he was appointed,  
24 or the district where he has served the major portion of his  
25 term.

26 Sec. 15.35.110. FILING DECLARATION BY DISTRICT BY  
27 DISTRICT JUDGE. Each district judge seeking to succeed  
28 himself to office shall file with the secretary of state a  
29 declaration of candidacy not less than 90 days before the

1 date fixed for the general election at which approval or  
2 rejection is requisite.

3 Sec. 15.35.120. REQUIREMENT OF FILING FEE FOR DISTRICT  
4 COURT CANDIDATE. At the time the declaration is filed, each  
5 candidate for the district court shall pay a filing fee of  
6 \$30 to the secretary of state.

7 Sec. 15.35.130. PLACING NAME OF DISTRICT JUDGE ON  
8 BALLOT. The secretary of state shall place the name of the  
9 district judge who has properly filed a declaration of  
10 candidacy on a separate nonpartisan judicial districtwide  
11 ballot for the general election at which approval is sought.

12 \* Sec. 2. AS 22.15.170 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 22.15.170. SELECTION [AND TENURE] OF DISTRICT  
14 JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES. The presiding judge of the superior  
15 court in each judicial district shall appoint the district  
16 judges [MAGISTRATES] and [DEPUTY] magistrates for the district  
17 [MAGISTRATE] court for his judicial district. [EACH DISTRICT  
18 MAGISTRATE AND DEPUTY MAGISTRATE SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF  
19 THE PRESIDING JUDGE IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR WHICH  
20 APPOINTED.] Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as  
21 appointments.

22 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 1968.

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