

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY RAY

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the non-partisan nomination and  
7 election of members of the legislature."

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

9 \* Section 1. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to respond to the  
10 wishes of the people and provide a means by which they may nominate and  
11 elect candidates for the legislature without any reference to political  
12 party. This Act eliminates the occasion for misleading statements and pro-  
13 posals regarding the existing Alaska primary or nomination law or proposals  
14 for the so-called "open" or "blanket" party primary elections, all of which  
15 have an open or hidden partisan basis. The effect of the Act is to remove  
16 the disruptive influences of partisan politics from the legislative branch  
17 and allow the electorate in each district to make its choice on the basis  
18 of individual merit rather than on misleading and often meaningless labels.  
19 The Act also eliminates the expense of primary elections for candidates and  
20 their supporters.

21 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.25.140 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 15.25.140. PROVISION FOR NO-PARTY CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS.  
23 Candidates for the legislature in the general election are nominated  
24 and elected without reference to party and candidates for other offices  
25 not representing a political party are nominated by petition.

26 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.25.150 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 15.25.150. DATE OF FILING PETITION. The petition is filed  
28 with the secretary of state by actual physical delivery in person or  
29 by mail at or before 5:00 p.m., Alaska Standard Time, June 1 [BEFORE

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MAY 1] in the year in which a general election is held for the office.

\* Sec. 4. AS 15.25.180 is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read:

(14) a petition for the nomination of a candidate to non-partisan legislative office shall not include the partisan reference provided for in subparagraph (4) of this section.

\* Sec. 5. AS 15.25.190 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.25.190. PLACEMENT OF NAMES ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.**

The secretary of state shall place the names and the political affiliation, if for other than a legislative candidate, of persons who have been properly nominated by petition on the general election ballot. The names of legislative candidates shall appear on a ballot separate from the ballot including partisan designations.

\* Sec. 6. AS 15.40.330 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

**Sec. 15.40.330. QUALIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTEE.**

The appointee shall meet the qualifications of a member of the legislature as prescribed in sec. 2, art. II of the state constitution and his appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the house to which he was appointed.

\* Sec. 7. AS 15.40.450 and AS 15.40.460 are repealed.