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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 42

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 a presidential preference
7 primary."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 15.25.065. VOTING FOR PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT
11 AND VICE PRESIDENT. (a) When candidates for the offices of President
12 and Vice President of the United States are to be nominated, every
13 elector shall have the opportunity to vote his preference on his
14 official primary election ballot for one person to be the candidate
15 for nomination for President and one person for Vice President of the
16 United States. Preference shall be indicated either by writing the
17 names of the persons in blank spaces left on the ballot for that
18 purpose or by marking with a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) beside
19 the names of the persons of his choice.

20 (b) The name of any candidate for nomination for President or
21 Vice President of the United States shall be printed on the ballots only

22 (1) by direction of the secretary of state who shall place
23 the name of a candidate on the ballot when he has determined in his
24 sole discretion that the candidate's candidacy is generally advocated
25 or recognized in national news media throughout the United States; or

26 (2) upon the petition for nomination presented by members
27 of the political party of the candidate.

28 (c) The petition in (b)(2) of this section shall have attached
29 to it a sheet or sheets containing the number of signatures of

1 electors required by sec. 160 of this chapter. The signature sheets
2 shall also contain the residence address and name or number of the
3 precinct of each elector whose signature appears on the sheet. With-
4 drawal of candidacy shall be allowed, provided the candidate executes
5 and files with the secretary of state an affidavit stating without
6 qualification that he is not now and does not intend to become a
7 candidate for the office at the forthcoming presidential election.

8 (d) The name of a candidate for nomination for President or for
9 Vice President of the United States is not printed on the ballots under
10 (b)(1) of this section if the candidate executes and files with the
11 secretary of state an affidavit stating without qualification that he
12 is not now and does not intend to become a candidate for office at the
13 forthcoming presidential election.

14 (e) The names of the candidates for nominations for President and
15 for Vice President of the United States shall be printed on the official
16 ballots for the primary election and shall be marked, counted, canvassed,
17 returned and proclaimed in the same manner and under the same conditions,
18 so far as applicable, as the names of candidates for nomination for
19 state offices.

20 (f) A delegate to a national party convention shall use his best
21 efforts at the convention for the candidate of his party for the office
22 of President of the United States who receives the highest number of
23 votes at the presidential preference primary election until (1) he or
24 another candidate for President of the United States is nominated by
25 the convention, (2) he receives less than 35 per cent of the votes for
26 nomination by the convention, (3) he releases the delegate from the
27 pledge or (4) two convention nominating ballots have been taken.

28 (g) The presidential preference primary shall be held in the
29 several election districts of the state on the fourth Tuesday in May

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in those years in which candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States are to be nominated.