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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 171

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 certification of political
7 organizations by governing bodies of major political
8 parties."

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

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

11 ARTICLE 3. POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

12 Sec. 15.25.210. USE OF PARTY NAME. No organization may use the
13 words "Democrat, democrat, Democrats, democrats, or democratic" in
14 the title or name of that organization without first receiving written
15 certification from the governing body of the Democratic Party in the
16 state certifying that the organization using the words described above
17 is an official organization of that political party in Alaska. No
18 organization may use the words "Republican, republican, Republicans,
19 or republicans" in the title or name of that organization without
20 first receiving written certification from the governing body of the
21 Republican Party in the state certifying that the organization using
22 the words described above is an official organization of that political
23 party in Alaska. Certifications may be revoked at any time by the
24 governing body of either political party by action of that political
25 party taken in accordance with party rules.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 15.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:

27 Sec. 15.55.235. PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PARTY NAME. A
28 person who wilfully organizes, joins, or promotes an organization
29 using party names of major political parties in violation of

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AS 15.25.210 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both. The superior courts of the state are empowered to enjoin a person or organization from using the names prescribed in AS 15.25.210 upon the application of either major political party in the state.